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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
ODAG EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT CONTROL DATA SHEET

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

From: DELAY, CONG. TOM

To: FBI

Date Received: 07-07-86 Date Due: 07-31-86 Control #: 6070709628

Subject & Date

06-25-86 LETTER ON BEHALF OF SAYED M. A. GOMAH, HOUSTON, TX,  
REGARDING THE MURDER OF ISMAIL AL-FARUQI AND HIS FAMILY.

SEE EX. SEC. 606269282.

Referred To: Date:  
(1) FBI; WEBSTER 07-15-86

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INTERIM BY: OLA

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DATE: 07-15-86

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CC: OLA. OLA WILL MAIL INTERIM RESPONSE.

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ACK let to J. Delay  
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July 11, 1986

Honorable Tom DeLay  
Member of Congress  
9000 Southwest Freeway  
Suite 205  
Houston, TX 77074

Dear Congressman DeLay:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 25, 1986, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, received by the Department on July 7, 1986, on behalf of Sayed M.A. Gomah.

A further response will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

John R. Bolton  
Assistant Attorney General

CC: Exec. Sec. File, LIA  
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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

July 28, 1986

Honorable Tom DeLay  
Member of Congress  
Suite 205  
9000 Southwest Freeway  
Houston, Texas 77074

ISMAIL AL FARUQI

Dear Congressman DeLay:

The Department of Justice has forwarded your June 25th communication to me, enclosing the correspondence you received from Mr. Sayed M. A. Gomah, President of The Islamic Society of Greater Houston. Mr. Gomah wrote to you concerning the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife.

Local law enforcement authorities are investigating these murders as there is no evidence at this time of a violation of Federal law falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We are, however, affording every possible assistance to the local police in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended.

The FBI takes seriously its investigative responsibilities in the area of terrorism, which is one of our top investigative priorities. I can assure Mr. Gomah that should the investigation of the deaths of Dr. Faruqi and his wife develop information which would indicate a matter within our responsibilities, we would take immediate and appropriate action.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 2 - Executive Secretariat - Enclosure  
Room 4416, DOJ
- 1 - Houston - Enclosures (3)
- 1 - Philadelphia - Enclosures (3)
- 1 - [redacted] - Enclosures (4)
- 1 - Congressional Affairs Office

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NOTE: SAYED M. A. GOMAH has written to Congressman DELAY regarding the murders of DR. ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife. He also has written to Senator LLOYD BENTSEN about this matter and a similar reply was sent to Senator Bentsen on 7/7/86. The murders of Dr. FARUQI and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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July 22, 1986

OUTSIDE SOURCE

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ay  
[Redacted]  
San Diego, California 92126

Dear [Redacted]:

Miscellaneous-Non-Subversive

Your recent communication to Judge Webster regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife has been referred to me for reply. We can appreciate the concern you have expressed.

These murders are being investigated by local law enforcement authorities as there is no evidence at this time of a violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We are, however, affording every possible assistance to them in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended.

I can assure you that should the investigation develop information which would indicate a matter within our responsibilities, all of our investigative resources would be made available to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

(S)

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 1 - Philadelphia - Enclosure b6  
1 - [Redacted] - Enclosure b7C

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NOTE: ASAC Tolen, Philadelphia Office, advised the murders of ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. He further advised that it is his understanding that evidence has been sent to the Laboratory Division for examination. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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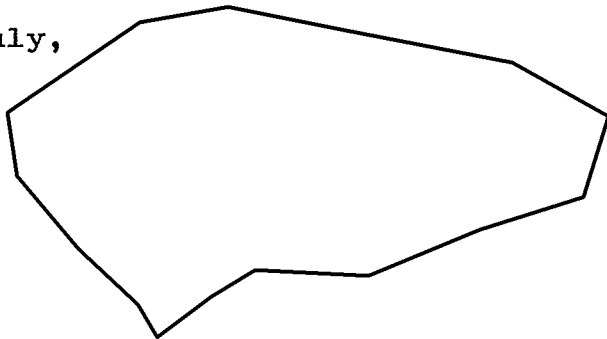
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Attorney General  
Edwin Meese III  
Dept of Justice

Dear Mr. Meese III:

Please let me know if it is true that the  
Dept of Justice ordered the FBI to drop  
its investigation of the murder of  
Ismail Faruqi, and if it did, why?

Yours truly,



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OUTSIDE SOURCE

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada  
V9A 6Z3

Dear [Redacted]:

Your July 9th communication to the Attorney General has been referred to the FBI and brought to my attention.

You ask if it is true that the FBI is dropping its investigation into the murder of Dr. Ismail al Daruqi. Since there has been no evidence of a Federal violation within the FBI's investigative authority, the FBI has not actively investigated the murders of Dr. Faruqi and his wife. This tragic incident is being investigated by the Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department. The FBI is providing every assistance to the local authorities in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended in this matter, and should the investigation by local officials develop information which would indicate a violation of Federal law within our responsibilities, we will take immediate action.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 1 - Philadelphia - Enclosure  
1 - [Redacted] - Enclosure

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of [Redacted]: This response has been provided in connection with other citizens' inquiries in this matter. The Philadelphia Office is providing assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. To date, there has been no evidence of a Federal violation in connection with the deaths of Dr. Faruqi and his wife.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
ODAG EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT CONTROL DATA

From: RAHEEM, AHMED ABDUR ELGIN, IL  
To: THE PRESIDENT ID 416183  
Date Received: 06-06-86 Date Due: 06-19-86 Control #: 6060608337  
Subject & Date:  
05-31-86 TELEGRAM REQUESTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE  
DEATHS OF PROFESSOR ISMAIL FARUGUI AND HIS WIFE.

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ISMAIL AL FARUGUI

Referred To:

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(1) DIRECT REPLY TO WRITER. RETURN FORM W/2 COPIES OF REPLY  
TO EX. SEC. RM. 4418.

Other Remarks:

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ACK of to Ahmed Raheem  
dated 6-24-86  
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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

JUNE 5, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 416183

MEDIA: TELEGRAM, DATED MAY 31, 1986

TO: ~~PRESIDENT REAGAN~~

FROM: MR. AHMED RAHEEM  
PRESIDENT  
ISLAMIC COMMUNITY CENTER  
345 HEINE  
ELGIN IL 60120

SUBJECT: WANTS AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE HOMICIDE OF  
PROFESSOR ISMAIL FARUQUI AND HIS WIFE

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE  
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE  
(OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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# WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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Name of Correspondent: ☒ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Miss ☐ Ms.

Ahmed Raheem

☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes:

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Subject:

Wants an investigation into the homicide  
of ~~Professor~~ Professor Ismail Faruqi  
and his wife.

## ROUTE TO:

## ACTION

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## ACTION CODES:

A - Appropriate Action  
C - Comment/Recommendation  
D - Draft Response  
F - Furnish Fact Sheet  
to be used as Enclosure

I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary  
R - Direct Reply w/Copy  
S - For Signature  
X - Interim Reply

## DISPOSITION CODES:

A - Answered  
B - Non-Special Referral  
C - Completed  
S - Suspended

## FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

Type of Response = Initials of Signer  
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Comments:

Keep this worksheet attached to the original incoming letter.  
Send all routing updates to Central Reference (Room 75, OEOb).  
Always return completed correspondence record to Central Files.  
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC 20005

ON BEHALF OF ISLAMIC COMMUNITY CENTER ELGIN ILLINOIS I REQUEST A  
THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE TRAGIC HOMICIDE OF MAY 27, 1986 IN  
PHILADELPHIA OF PROFESSOR ISMAIL FARUQUI AND HIS WIFE AND BRING THE  
CULPRIT TO JUSTICE.

~~YAHMED ABDUR RAHEEM~~, PRESIDENT ISLAMIC COMMUNITY CENTER

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ENCLOSURE

July 10, 1986

Honorable Thomas A. Luken  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Dear Congressman Luken:

I have received your June 20th letter on behalf of [redacted] who wrote to President Reagan expressing concern regarding the murders of Dr. Ismael al Faruqi and his wife. *Decided*

The FBI is not conducting an investigation into that incident as no evidence has been developed to indicate the deaths of Dr. Faruqi and his wife are a result of terrorist activities. The Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department is conducting an investigation into these murders. The FBI, however, is providing every possible assistance in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Should the investigation by local authorities determine that this tragic incident falls within the scope of our investigative authority, then we will take immediate action.

[redacted] can be assured that every cooperation is being extended to local authorities in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM H. WEBSTER

William H. Webster  
Director

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JUL 14 1986
- FBI - Cincinnati - Enclosures (2)
  - 1 - Philadelphia - Enclosures (2)
  - 1 - [redacted] - Enclosures (2)
  - 1 - Congressional Affairs Office

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of [redacted]. The murders of DR. ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering every assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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Director: *[Signature]*

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
ODAG EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT CONTROL DATA

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To: AG. b7C  
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AMERICAN CITIZENS FROM TERRORIST ATTACK.

Ismail AL FARUqi

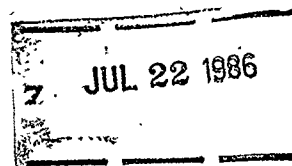
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Secretariat, DOJ.

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June 13th 1986

The Hon. Edwin Meese  
Department of Justice  
10th and Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D. C. 20530

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OFFICE OF THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
OFFICE OF  
DEPUTY ATTORNEY  
GENERAL

Dear Mr. Meese:

1) Well over 1,000,000 Mexicans come into this country every year which means that terrorists are virtually bound to come in also with them. Question: May I ask just what the Dept. of Justice is doing to protect law-abiding Americans against (a) terrorists and (b) the increased taxation and general burden in caring for millions of these "illegals"?

2) Is your department tracking down the murderer of a law-abiding Arab, Ismail Faruqi?

3) Is your department investigating why some 34 American sailors died on the USS Liberty, near Egypt, in 1967 when attacked by Israel war planes for several hours? I haven't heard anything about this in the papers since only a few days after it happened!

4) May I ask why you permit alien (Israeli) terrorists to operate here in violation of the foreign agents registration act?

I do hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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June 25, 1986

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Augusta, Georgia 30907

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Dear [redacted]:

A copy of your May 29th communication to President Reagan regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife has been referred to the FBI. Your communication of the same date and your May 30th letter to Judge Webster have also been brought to my attention. We appreciate the concern you expressed.

These murders are being investigated by local law enforcement authorities as there is no evidence at this time of a violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We are, however, affording every possible assistance to them in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended.

I can assure you that should the investigation develop information which would indicate a matter within our responsibilities, all of our investigative resources would be made available to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 1 - Ms. Sally Kelley - Enclosures (2)  
Director of Agency Liaison  
Presidential Correspondence  
Room 91  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.
- 2 - Executive Secretariat - Enclosures (4)  
Room 4418, DOJ
- 1 - Philadelphia - Enclosures (4) b6  
1 - [redacted] - Enclosures (4) b7C

NOTE: ASAC Tolen advised the murders of ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. He further advised that it is his understanding that evidence has been sent to the Laboratory Division for examination. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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July 10, 1986

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Delray Beach, Florida 33444

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Dear [redacted]:

Your June 13th letter to the Attorney General has been referred to the FBI for response.

Terrorism is one of the most challenging crime problems in the world today and one of the FBI's functions is to make sure terrorists do not succeed in the United States. Our goal is to detect and prevent domestic and international terrorist activity in the United States and to investigate those terrorist acts abroad which have by statute been made prosecutable in the United States.

We have had a number of successes in preventing terrorists acts by utilizing all of the investigative tools such as informants, electronic surveillance, undercover Agents and cooperation among all law enforcement agencies. Citizen support is also important in effectively addressing the terrorism problem. If you possess specific information concerning Israeli terrorists operating in this country in violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, you should immediately provide details to our local office.

Foreign counterintelligence is also a high priority area for the FBI, regardless of the source country. We are working diligently with other members of the intelligence community in an effort to safeguard the American people. I can assure you that we are making every effort to protect our country and its citizens in all areas of concern.

The Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department is currently investigating the murders of Dr. Ismail al-Faruqi and his wife as no evidence has been developed to indicate their deaths are a result of terrorist activities. The FBI, however, is providing every possible assistance in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Should it be determined that this tragic incident falls within the scope of our investigative authority, then we will take immediate action in this matter.

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1 - [redacted] - Enclosure

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Since some of your inquiries relate to matters falling within the purview of other Government agencies, I am forwarding copies of your communication to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20536, and to the Department of State, 2201 C Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20520, for any assistance they may be able to provide.

Sincerely, WMBEC.

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 1 - Immigration and Naturalization Service - Enclosure  
425 I Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20536
- 1 - Department of State - Enclosure  
2201 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20520
- 2 - Executive Secretariat - Enclosure  
Room 4400A, DOJ

NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding [redacted]. He wrote the Attorney General regarding illegal aliens, terrorism, espionage, the murders of DR. ISMAIL AL FARUQI and the attack on the USS Liberty in 1967. The latter incident was handled by the Department of State and a copy is being forwarded to that agency for any assistance it can furnish him. A copy is also being forwarded to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Local authorities are investigating the murders of DR. ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife and the FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
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SENATE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE  
ON INVESTIGATIONS  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

July 15, 1986

Mr. William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Baker:

Attached is correspondence received by  
the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations from  
[redacted] of Augusta, Georgia.

[redacted] is voicing concern that the  
murders of Dr. Ismail al-Faruqi and his wife were  
politically motivated and is requesting that the  
FBI pursue this case as a federal criminal  
investigation.

I am referring this matter to your  
attention for whatever action you deem  
appropriate.

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Sincerely,

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Eleanore J. Hill  
Chief Counsel  
to the Minority

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ACK let to:  
Ms. Eleanore J. Hill  
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Augusta, Ga. 30907

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SENATE PERMANENT  
SUBCOMM. ON INVESTIGATIONS

RECD JUN 24 1986

May 30, 1986 MINORITY OFFICE

The Honorable Senator Sam Nunn  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to express my concern over the recent murder of Dr. Ismail al-Faruqi and his wife. He was a prominent American-Muslim scholar of Palestinian origin. His scholarship in the field of Islamic studies at Temple University was recognized both nationally and internationally. The circumstances surrounding this heinous crime suggest the possibility of political motivation. I urge you to direct the FBI to investigate this case fully and to have the FBI inform the public as soon as possible on the events surrounding his tragic death.

His murder, along with the murder of Mr. Alex Odeh and the subsequent bombings of the headquarter of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee is leading to the recognition of a pattern in the eyes of the American Muslim and American Arab community--- that anti-Arab and anti-Muslim bias is finally manifesting itself in the form of violent acts against Arabs and Muslims throughout this country. Moreover, the Federal government is either unwilling or unable to protect us from these attacks, as evidenced by the fact that the FBI has yet to produce a single indictment against any persons or groups who have perpetrated these crimes. I earnestly hope you will do all in your power to allay our concerns and help bring these criminals to justice.

Sincerely,

63-19495-55  
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August 5, 1986

Ms. Eleanore J. Hill  
Chief Counsel to the Minority  
Permanent Subcommittee on  
Investigation of the  
Committee on Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Dear Ms. Hill:

I have received your July 15th letter enclosing correspondence from [redacted], who wrote to Senator Sam Nunn expressing concern over the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife.

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This tragic incident is being investigated by the Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department. To date, there has been no evidence of a violation of Federal law falling within the investigative responsibilities of the FBI. The FBI, however, is affording every possible assistance to the local authorities in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended.

The FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh is continuing and is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators. These include members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I cannot comment specifically about this ongoing investigation, I can state that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

[redacted] has written personally to the FBI and I have furnished him information to the extent possible and assured him of our commitment to see that our investigations reach a prosecutive stage. The FBI takes its responsibilities in fighting terrorist activity in this country very seriously.

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Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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1 - Philadelphia - Enclosures (2)  
1 - [redacted] - Enclosures (2)  
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1 - Congressional Affairs Office

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Ms. Eleanore J. Hill

NOTE: [redacted] has written to the FBI on several occasions and to other Congressional representatives regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife and the FBI's investigation of the murder of Alex Odeh. By letter dated 6/25/86 our lack of jurisdiction in the Faruqis' murders was explained. By letter dated 7/10/86 to Congressman Doug Barnard, Jr., who wrote on [redacted] behalf, our lack of jurisdiction was again explained and our efforts in the Alex Odeh case were set forth.

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July 11, 1986

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University of California, San Diego  
La Jolla, California 92093

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Dear [redacted]:

Your recent communication to Judge Webster regarding the murders of Dr. Osmail Al Faruqi and his wife has been referred to me for reply. We appreciate the concern you have expressed. *Deceased male*

These murders are being investigated by local law enforcement authorities as there is no evidence at this time of a violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We are, however, affording every possible assistance to them in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended.

I can assure you that should the investigation develop information which would indicate a matter within our responsibilities, all of our investigative resources would be made available to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 1 - Philadelphia - Enclosure  
1 - [redacted] - Enclosure

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NOTE: ASAC Tolen, Philadelphia Office, advised the murders of ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. He further advised that it is his understanding that evidence has been sent to the Laboratory Division for examination. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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JUL 23 1986

OUTSIDE SOURCE

July 18, 1986

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[redacted]  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45239

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Dear [redacted]:

The June 11th letter signed by you and [redacted] to President Reagan has been referred to the FBI and brought to my attention. We appreciate the concern you expressed regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail Al Faruqi and his wife.

These murders are being investigated by local law enforcement authorities as there is no evidence at this time of a violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We are, however, affording every possible assistance to them in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended.

I can assure you that should the investigation develop information which would indicate a matter within our responsibilities, all of our investigative resources would be made available to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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[redacted] - Enclosure b7C

NOTE: ASAC Tolen, Philadelphia Office, advised the murders of ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. He further advised that it is his understanding that evidence has been sent to the Laboratory Division for examination. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 3, 1986

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[redacted]  
Congressional Affairs  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Ninth and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Moschella:

Please find enclosed correspondence I received from [redacted] along with other Islamic citizens. Because of my desire to be responsive to the constituents in my state, I am referring this matter to you for your review.

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I would like to request your assistance in evaluating the information provided. I would greatly appreciate your forwarding your findings in duplicate form to [redacted] on my staff, at your earliest convenience.

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Again, many thanks for your time and attention to this matter.

Best regards,

*Robert W. Kasten, Jr.*

Robert W. Kasten, Jr.

RWK/mvb  
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ACK LT to Robert Kasten, Jr.  
re dated 7-17-86  
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Dear Senator,

June \_\_\_\_ 1986

We would like to bring to your attention that the home of internationally known Islamic scholars was attacked leaving two dead and one seriously injured. The victims were Professor Ismail Faruqi, his wife, Dr. Lamya Faruqi and [REDACTED]. The case has been turned over to the FBI.

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The Muslim Students' Association of U.S. and Canada, Chapter of University of Wisconsin, Madison and the entire Muslim community in the greater Madison area is deeply grieved and alarmed at this attack on leading Islamic scholars. We are demanding full investigation into the homicides along with public disclosure of FBI findings.

Mr. Kasten, we would very much appreciate your help in having the FBI keep us posted on their findings and informed of the facts as they become known.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

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Madison, WI 53705

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July 18, 1986

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Honorable Robert W. Kasten, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Kasten:

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Your July 3rd communication to Special Agent Moschella on behalf of [redacted] who expresses concern regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife, has been brought to my attention.

The Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department is currently conducting an investigation into these murders as no evidence has been developed to indicate the deaths of Dr. Faruqi and his wife are a result of terrorist activities. The FBI, however, is providing every possible assistance in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Should it be determined that this tragic incident falls within the scope of our investigative authority, then we will take immediate action in this matter.

We appreciate [redacted] writing to express the concerns of the Madison Chapter of the Muslim Students' Association of the United States and Canada and that of the Muslim community in the Madison area. He can be assured that the FBI takes very seriously its investigative responsibilities. We will continue to afford every cooperation to the local authorities investigating the deaths of Dr. Faruqi and his wife, and as I have indicated, if evidence should prove that terrorist activity was responsible, we will take immediate action.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

JUL 23 1986

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1 - [redacted] - Enclosures (3)  
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Honorable Robert W. Kasten, Jr.

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of [REDACTED]. The Philadelphia Office is affording every assistance to the local authorities through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. To date, there is no evidence that the deaths of Dr. Faruqi and his wife were the results of terrorist activity.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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DE-239

From: EXON, SENATOR J. JAMES.

To: OLA

Date Received: 07-11-86 Date Due: 08-15-86 Control #: 6071109903

Subject & Date

07-02-86 LETTER ON BEHALF OF [REDACTED] NEWPORT, NE,  
WHO WANTS TO KNOW WHY THE FBI STOPPED ITS INVESTIGATION INTO  
THE MURDER OF ISMAIL FARUQI, WHY NO ACTION IS BEING TAKEN  
AGAINST ISRAELI TERRORISTS, ETC.

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INTERIM BY: OLA

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CC: OLA. OLA WILL MAIL INTERIM RESPONSE.

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2 SEP 18 1986

Ack let to Hon. J. James Exon

dated 8/1/86

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July 11, 1986

Honorable J. James Exon  
United States Senator  
Federal Building  
Room 275  
North Platte, Nebraska 69101

Dear Senator Exon:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
July 2, 1986, received by the Department on July 11,  
1986, on behalf of [REDACTED].

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A further response will be forthcoming as soon  
as possible.

Sincerely,

John R. Bolton  
Assistant Attorney General

CC: Exec. Sec. File, LIA  
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J. JAMES EXON  
NEBRASKA

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BUDGET

July 2, 1986

Congressional Liaison  
Dept. of Justice  
Room 1603  
Washington, D.C. 20530

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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a letter from:

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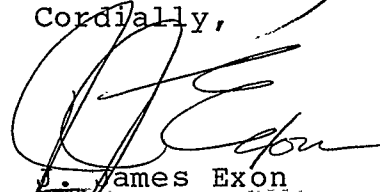
Newport, NE 68759

whose problem appears to fall within your jurisdiction.

I would appreciate any information which will enable me to respond to my constituent's inquiry. Please return the enclosed correspondence with your report to:

Senator J. James Exon  
Room 275, Federal Building  
North Platte, NE 69101

Cordially,



J. James Exon  
United States Senator

Enclosure

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Senator J. James Exon  
Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Congressman; Who was responsible for the Justice Department <sup>FBI</sup> dropping its investigation of the murder of Ismail Faruqi? And why is the Justice Department taking no action against Israeli terrorists operating on American soil or foreign lobbies acting here without registration, and dual-loyalists holding govt. offices? Will appreciate your explanation. Sincerely - [Redacted]

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Original returned w/let to <sup>3</sup> Honorable J. James Exon  
dated 8-7-84  
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Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387

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(FBI)

28 June 1986

OUTSIDE SOURCE

5/24/86  
Attorney General Edwin M. Moore III  
Dear Sir: DR. ISMAIL AL FARUQI

I understood that the investi-  
gation into the murder of Ismail  
Farugi has been stopped. Is this  
true? If it is, may I ask what  
the basis for stopping was??

Does the Justice Dep't. simply turn  
its back on this & other acts  
murder by these domestic terrorists??

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June 25, 1986

[redacted]  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

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Dear [redacted]:

A copy of your May 29th communication to President Reagan regarding the murders of Dr. Qismail Al Faruqi and his wife has been referred to me for reply. Your communication of the same date to the Director has also been brought to my attention. We appreciate the concern you expressed.

These murders are being investigated by local law enforcement authorities as there is no evidence at this time of a violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We are, however, affording every possible assistance to them in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended.

I can assure you that should the investigation develop information which would indicate a matter within our responsibilities, all of our investigative resources would be made available to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 1 - Ms. Sally Kelley - Enclosures (2)  
Director of Agency Liaison  
Presidential Correspondence  
Room 91  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.
- 2 - Executive Secretariat - Enclosures (4)  
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NOTE: ASAC Tolen advised the murders of ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. He further advised that it is his understanding that evidence has been sent to the Laboratory Division for examination. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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Date 9/8/86

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (62D-6445) (LRA) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
 ISMAIL R. FARUQI, DECEASED;  
 LOIS R. FARUQI, DECEASED;  
 [REDACTED] - VICTIM;  
 DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION  
 (OO: PHILADELPHIA)

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Re Miami airtel to Philadelphia dated 8/25/86 and telephonic contact between SA [REDACTED], Philadelphia Division and SA [REDACTED], Miami Division on 9/4/86.

As a result of information contained in referenced airtel, a review of the approximately 240 distributors of the Knifeco and Valor Products in the PA area, identify that there is approximately 44 distributors in the general Philadelphia area who would be in a position to sell the knife distributed by Knifeco. It is believed that the knife used in the murder of ISMAIL and LOIS FARUQI, and the wounding of [REDACTED] is identical to the knives imported and sold by Knifeco-Valor Companies of Miami, FL. On 9/3/86, a list of 44 distributors in the Philadelphia area were discussed with [REDACTED], wherein it was agreed that Agent [REDACTED]

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would review the Knifeco-Valor records for sales made to these distributors to determine if the sale of the knife described as the "big one" number 4000719 were made to any of the eastern Pennsylvania distributors.

SA [ ] was also to determine the number of knives sold between March of 1986 and May of 1986, along with the number of distributors of this type of knife in continental U.S., along with the identity of the manufacturer of this knife in Taiwan.

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Under separate cover, the knife number [ ] provided by Miami Division to Philadelphia Division, will be sent to the Firearms and Tool Unit, FBI Laboratory, for comparison with the murder weapon to determine if they are of "common origin."

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MIAMI DIVISION  
AT MIAMI, FL.:

Will conduct lead as discussed with SA [ ]  
[ ], Miami Division on 9/4/86.

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August 11, 1986

*5mm*  
Honorable J. James Exon  
United States Senator  
Room 275  
Federal Building  
North Platte, Nebraska 69101

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Dear Senator Exon:

Your July 2nd communication to the Department of Justice on behalf of [redacted] has been referred to the FBI for response and brought to my attention.

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[redacted] asks why the FBI is dropping its investigation into the murder of Dr. Ismail al-Farugi. Since there has been no evidence of a Federal violation within the FBI's investigative authority, the FBI has not actively investigated the murders of Dr. Farugi and his wife. This tragic incident is being investigated by the Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department. The FBI is providing every assistance to the local authorities in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended in this matter, and should the investigation by local officials develop information which would indicate a violation of Federal law within our responsibilities, we will take immediate action.

I can assure [redacted] that we in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, which cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. The FBI has committed all of its available resources to investigating those matters where it has been determined that terrorist activity is involved. Terrorism is one of the most challenging crime problems in the world today, and one of the FBI's functions is to make sure terrorists do not succeed in the United States. Our goal is to detect and prevent domestic and international terrorist activity in the United States and to investigate those terrorist acts abroad which have by statute been made prosecutable in the United States.

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- 1 - Omaha - Enclosures (4)  
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Honorable J. James Exon

We have achieved success in preventing terrorism through the utilization of investigative tools such as informants, electronic surveillance, undercover Agents, and, most importantly, cooperation among all law enforcement agencies. Citizen support is also important in effectively addressing the terrorism problem in our country. Should [redacted] have information or should information come to her attention relative to terrorism or any act she believes falls within our investigative jurisdiction, I hope she will not hesitate to contact her local FBI office.

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With regard to her inquiry regarding the Foreign Registration Act, the FBI has the responsibility and obligation to remain alert to any covert efforts by foreign powers to influence opinion in our country, particularly where it might relate to our national security. When information comes to our attention that would indicate a violation of the Foreign Registration Act, the facts are presented to the Department of Justice for consideration as to whether or not registration as an agent of a foreign government is required. I can assure [redacted] that the FBI is making every effort to fulfill its responsibilities to the American people.

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I hope this information will be of assistance to you in acknowledging your constituent's inquiry. As requested, your enclosure is being returned.

Sincerely,

*B/*  
William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

Enclosure  
Senator Exon's enclosure  
2 - Executive Secretariat - Enclosure  
Room 4416, DOJ

NOTE: Bufiles indicate that by letter dated 4/30/71, [redacted] was thanked for her letter expressing support of former Director J. Edgar Hoover's administration of the FBI.

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August 19, 1986

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

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[redacted]  
Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387

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Dear [redacted]

Your June 28th communication to Attorney General Meese regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al-Faruqi and his wife has been referred to me for reply. We can appreciate the concern you have expressed.

The murders of Dr. Faruqi and his wife are being investigated by local law enforcement authorities as there is no evidence at this time of a violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We will, however, afford every possible assistance to the local police in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended.

I can assure you that the FBI is making every effort to fulfill its responsibilities to the American people.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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- 1 - Philadelphia - Enclosure  
1 - [redacted] - Enclosure

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NOTE: ASAC Tolen, Philadelphia Office, has advised that the murders of ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. He further advised that it is his understanding that evidence has been sent to the Laboratory Division for examination. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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MAIL ROOM ☐

The Muslim Community Association of San Francisco Bay Area  
1755 Catherine Street Santa Clara, CA 95050

William H. Webster  
Director of FBI  
9th St. Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20535

Dear Sir,

We are deeply shocked by the murder of Dr. Ismail Faruqi and his wife Dr. Lanya Faruqi in their home in Philadelphia. Dr. Faruqi was an American Islamic Scholar of international repute. Through his scholarly writings and lectures he is well known in the Muslim communities throughout the United States. His loss is greatly being felt by our community.

The identities of the assailants and their motives are still unknown but the police believe that robbery was not a motive. The case has been turned over to the FBI.

A few months ago Dr. Faruqi's son died under suspicious circumstances while serving with the US Army in New Mexico.

We respectfully ask you to do whatever you can to make sure that the perpetrators of this heinous crime are apprehended and punished appropriately.

Without pointing accusing fingers at anyone we must express our concern that in its effort to stamp out terrorism overseas, the administration does not overlook hate-violence at home. We would very much appreciate your help in having the FBI keep us posted on their findings and informed of the facts as they become known.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely Yours,

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July 30, 1986

OUTSIDE SOURCE

The Muslim Community Association of  
San Francisco Bay Area  
1755 Catherine Street  
Santa Clara, California 95050

Dear Members:

Your communication to Judge Webster signed by a number of members of your organization regarding the murders of Dr. Gismail Al Faruqi and his wife has been referred to me for reply. We can appreciate the concern you have expressed.

These murders are being investigated by local law enforcement authorities as there is no evidence at this time of a violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We will, however, afford every possible assistance to the local police in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended.

I can assure you that should the investigation develop information which would indicate a matter within our responsibilities, we would take immediate and appropriate action.

Sincerely,

/S/

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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NOTE: ASAC Tolen, Philadelphia Office, advised the murders of ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. He further advised that it is his understanding that evidence has been sent to the Laboratory Division for examination. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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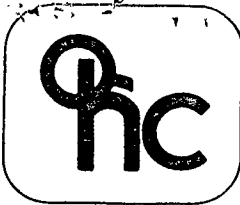
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July 30, 1986

Honorable William Webster  
Director, FBI  
10th & Pennsylvania Aves., NW  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Webster,

*Dr. Ismail Al Faruki*

I am writing this letter to you because I am extremely troubled by the recent reports indicating that the FBI has dropped its investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh.

I never knew Alex but I am deeply disturbed by the fact that within our country, a citizen can be murdered in cold blood because he speaks out and expresses his feelings. This sets a terrible precedent for the entire nation. We are constantly talking about terrorism abroad, but seem to minimize acts of terrorism within USA.

I am also deeply disturbed by the recent murder of Professor Faruki and his wife, in Philadelphia. I wonder if there is an organized effort to wipe out the Muslim leaders in USA? I hope that your agency will look into that matter as well.

Sincerely yours,

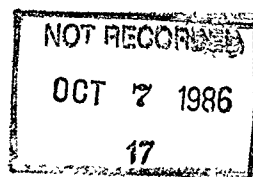
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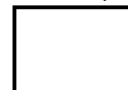
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Subject & Date:  
05-29-86 MAILGRAM REQUESTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE  
DEATHS OF PROFESSOR ISMAIL FARUGUI AND HIS WIFE.

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MEDIA: MAILGRAM, DATED MAY 29, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: ~~MR. TUNG MUDAH~~ *M*  
PRESIDENT  
ISLAMIC CENTER OF SEATTLE-  
1420 NORTHEAST NORTHGATE WAY  
SEATTLE WA 98125

SUBJECT: DEPLORES CRIME AGAINST PROFESSOR ISLAMIC EL  
FARUQI AND HIS WIFE AND THEIR DAUGHTER

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE  
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE  
(OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

DEAR MR PRESIDENT WE, THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY OF SEATTLE DEPLORE THE  
GHASTLY AND HEINIOUS CRIME PERPETRATED AGAINST ISLAMIC SCHOLAR,  
PROFESSOR ISMAIL EL FARUQI OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY PHILADELPHIA, AND HIS  
FAMILY WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR FARUQI AND HIS WIFE  
AND CRITICAL INJURY TO [REDACTED]. THIS CRIME WAS AN AFRONT TO  
HUMAN CIVILITY AND THREAT TO THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUSTICE.

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Decreased*  
WE CALL ON YOU, MR PRESIDENT, TO TAKE PERSONAL INTEREST IN EXPEDITING  
THE APREHENSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE MURDERER. FURTHERMORE, WE CALL  
ON YOU TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS AND THE STEPS TO PUT AN END TO  
THE CRIME WAVE AND ACT OF TERRORISM AGAINST THE INNOCENT MUSLIM  
INDIVIDUAL AND INSTITUTION. WE REMIND YOU THAT ALL MINORITIES ARE  
GUARANTEED BY THE CONSTITUTUIONS OF EQUAL RIGHT AND PROTECTION IN THE  
U.S. JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

WE REMAIN RESPECTFULLY YOURS  
TUNG MUDAH  
PRESIDENT  
ISLAMIC CENTER OF SEATTLE  
1420 NORTHEAST NORTHGATE WAY  
SEATTLE WA 98125

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ENCLOSURE

June 25, 1986

Mr. Tung Mudah  
President  
Islamic Center of Seattle  
1420 Northeast Northgate Way  
Seattle, Washington 98125

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Mr. Mudah:

A copy of your May 29th communication, which you sent to President Reagan, has been referred to the FBI and was brought to my attention. In it, as well as in your communication of the same date to Judge Webster, you expressed concern on behalf of the Islamic Center of Seattle, regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail Al Faruqi and his wife.

The interest you and the members of your organization have in seeing justice served is certainly appreciated. As I indicated in my June 10th letter to you, the FBI is affording every assistance to local authorities who are investigating these murders. You can be assured of our wholehearted cooperation in an effort to help those who have been charged with the responsibility of resolving this case.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 1 - Ms. Sally Kelley - Enclosures (4)  
Director of Agency Liaison  
Presidential Correspondence  
Room 91  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.
- 2 - Executive Secretariat - Enclosures (6)  
Room 4418, DOJ
- 1 - Philadelphia - Enclosures (2)
- 1 - [redacted] - Enclosures (4)

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NOTE: On 6/10/86, Assistant Director Baker responded to a communication dated 5/29/86 containing the same text as the one to President Reagan. A copy is being sent to Sally Kelley for information. ASAC Tolen advised on 6/3/86 that the murders of Ismail Al Faruqi and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. There is no evidence at this time to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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# NAAA

National Association of Arab Americans

June 5, 1986

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Mr. William H. Webster  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
Room 7176  
9th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20535

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Dear Mr. Webster:

The Arab American community is deeply concerned about yet another violent incident, potentially an act of purposeful domestic terrorism, directed against Americans of Arab descent. On May 27, Ismail Raji Faruqi, 65, and his wife, Lois, 60 were brutally stabbed to death in their home in Chilttenham Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Dr. Faruqi was hacked and stabbed 13 times out of "premeditated, vengeful rage," according to the Montgomery County Coroner, Theodore Garcia. [redacted] was also stabbed and is presently hospitalized.

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Ismail Faruqi was an internationally known scholar of Islamic Studies and senior professor at Temple University since 1968. Originally a Palestinian, Faruqi became an American citizen in 1973. He served as the last governor of Galilee in 1948 before the creation of Israel in what was then Palestine.

Press accounts indicate that Faruqi had received threats against his life in the late 1970s and early 1980s and he believed that they had come from Israeli proponents who objected to his support for Palestinian rights. The circumstances surrounding the murder lend credence to Dr. Faruqi's suspicions. Police sources said the break-in into the Faruqi home by the attacker "did not look like a routine burglary." There was no evidence that the Faruqis' home had been ransacked, nothing was known to be missing. The police have not ruled out political motives for the killings and the FBI has been called in for assistance.

The gruesome double slaying of the Faruqis is the latest in a series of terrorist and violent acts being increasingly perpetrated against American Arabs. Last November, as a result of an arson attack, a fire caused an estimated \$500,000 damage to the Washington Office of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC). In October, the bombing of ADC's office in Santa Ana, California led to the tragic death of Alex Odeh. On August 18, 1985, the ADC office in Boston was also bombed.

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Each of these terrorist acts clearly indicates that American Arabs risk their lives when they speak freely on the politics of the Middle East, in the exercise of their constitutional rights. You, yourself, have warned in public that Arab Americans have come within a "zone of danger" and have been targeted by a group not yet identified.

The American Arab community is deeply shocked and distressed at this latest act of horror and would like the FBI to expend its full resources to track down and apprehend those responsible for this and other violence directed at American Arabs. We are greatly concerned over the apparent lack of progress in the FBI investigations of the aforementioned ADC bombings in 1985. Our members are seeking reassurance--with waning confidence--that all efforts are being exerted to bring the culprits of these dastardly acts to justice.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Judge William H. Webster  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th and Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20535

OUTSIDE SOURCE

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As you undoubtedly know, two internationally reputed Muslim scholars were murdered in their home in Philadelphia on May 27th of 1986.

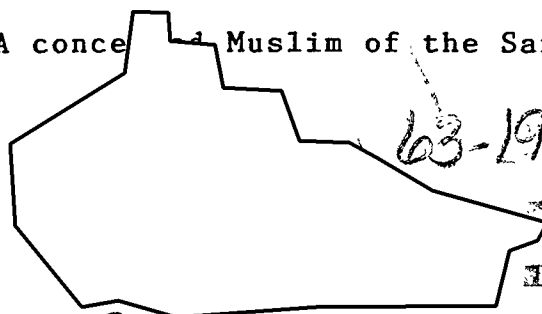
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As a member of the Muslim community, here in the United States, I wish to strongly protest this act. The attack is not simply an attack on Dr. Faruqi and his family, but is also an attack on every Muslim in the United States.

I ask you to understand the seriousness of the incident and to appreciate our concern about the possibility of future occurrences of crimes of this extravagant nature.

I am relying on your sense of justice and I expect that you will pursue the matter and make certain that the law is put into effect and that justice is done.

A concealed Muslim of the San Diego community,



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GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
CHAIRMAN,  
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CONSUMER AND  
MONETARY AFFAIRS

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

June 9, 1986

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The Honorable William H. Webster  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Webster:

Please find enclosed a letter from one of my constituents, [redacted], concerning politically motivated, violent acts against Arabs and Muslims in the U.S. I would appreciate any information you might have on the subject and your evaluation of their comments, so I may more fully respond to them. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

*Doug Barnard Jr.*  
Doug Barnard, Jr.

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The Honorable Douglas Barnard  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20510

May 30, 1986

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to express my concern over the recent murder of Dr. Ismail al-Faruqi and his wife. He was a prominent American-Muslim scholar of Palestinian origin. His scholarship in the field of Islamic studies at Temple University was recognized both nationally and internationally. The circumstances surrounding this heinous crime suggest the possibility of political motivation. I urge you to direct the FBI to investigate this case fully and to have the FBI inform the public as soon as possible on the events surrounding his tragic death.

His murder, along with the murder of Mr. Alex Odeh and the subsequent bombings of the headquarter of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee is leading to the recognition of a pattern in the eyes of the American Muslim and American Arab community--- that anti-Arab and anti-Muslim bias is finally manifesting itself in the form of violent acts against Arabs and Muslims throughout this country. Moreover, the Federal government is either unwilling or unable to protect us from these attacks, as evidenced by the fact that the FBI has yet to produce a single indictment against any persons or groups who have perpetrated these crimes. I earnestly hope you will do all in your power to allay our concerns and help bring these criminals to justice.

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Sincerely,

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*SM*  
The Honorable Judge William H. Webster  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th and Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20535

*Male*  
SAN DIEGO, CA, 92115

OUTSIDE SOURCE

*JW*  
As you undoubtedly know, two internationally reputed Muslim scholars were murdered in their home in Philadelphia on May 27th of 1986.

*Ismail R. Faruqi*  
As a member of the Muslim community, here in the United States, I wish to strongly protest this act. The attack is not simply an attack on Dr. Faruqi and his family, but is also an attack on every Muslim in the United States.

I ask you to understand the seriousness of the incident and to appreciate our concern about the possibility of future occurrences of crimes of this extravagant nature.

I am relying on your sense of justice and I expect that you will pursue the matter and make certain that the law is put into effect and that justice is done. *[Signature]*

A concerned Muslim of the San Diego community,

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[Redacted Address]

San Diego, California 92115

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Dear [Redacted]:

WAB Ismail R. Faruqi

Your recent communication to Judge Webster regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife has been referred to me for reply. We appreciate the concern you expressed.

These murders are being investigated by local law enforcement authorities as there is no evidence at this time of a violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We are, however, affording every possible assistance to them in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended.

I can assure you that should the investigation develop information which would indicate a matter within our responsibilities, all of our investigative resources would be made available to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

(S)

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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The Honorable Judge William H. Webster  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th and Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20535

OUTSIDE SOURCE

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A concerned Muslim of the San Diego community,

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The Honorable Judge William H. Webster  
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(P) [Signature]

A concerned Muslim of the San Diego community,



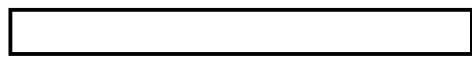
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The Honorable Judge William H. Webster  
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Ismail AL Faruqi

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A concerned Muslim of the San Diego community,

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SM  
The Honorable Judge William H. Webster  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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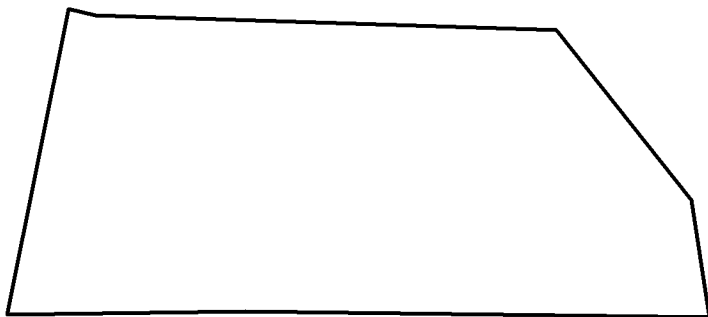
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A concerned Muslim of the San Diego community



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June 25, 1986

OUTSIDE SOURCE

San Diego, California 92105

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Dear [redacted]:

Your recent communication to Judge Webster regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife has been referred to me for reply. We appreciate the concern you expressed.

These murders are being investigated by local law enforcement authorities as there is no evidence at this time of a violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We are, however, affording every possible assistance to them in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended.

I can assure you that should the investigation develop information which would indicate a matter within our responsibilities, all of our investigative resources would be made available to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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July 10, 1986

OUTSIDE SOURCE

*Male*  
Mr. Peter S. Tanous  
Executive Vice President  
National Association of Arab Americans  
Suite 900  
2033 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Tanous:

I have received your June 5th letter expressing the deep concern of the Arab American community in connection with the murders of Dr. ~~Osma~~ *Osma* Farugi and his wife on May 27th.

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The Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department is currently conducting an investigation into these murders as no evidence has been developed to indicate the deaths of Dr. Farugi and his wife are a result of terrorist activities. The FBI, however, is providing every possible assistance in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Should it be determined that this tragic incident falls within the scope of our investigative authority, then we will take immediate action in this matter.

The FBI is continuing its efforts in the investigations involving the tragic death of Alex Odeh last October and the bombing of the Boston Office of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee to determine the identity of the individual or individuals responsible for those crimes. The investigation of the fire at the building which housed the Washington, D. C., offices of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee is being conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, since that incident falls within its investigative purview.

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Mr. Peter S. Tanous

Your concern and interest in writing are certainly appreciated. The FBI takes very seriously its investigative responsibilities in the area of terrorism, which is one of our top investigative priorities. We strongly believe that acts of violence cannot and must not be tolerated in our country as a means of political dissent. I can assure you that we are totally committed to fulfilling our responsibilities in such matters.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM H. WEBSTER

William H. Webster  
Director

NOTE: Mr. PETER S. TANOUS writes expressing concern about violent incidents directed against Arab Americans. The murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife on May 27, 1986, prompted his letter. He also mentions the murder of Alex Odeh and the bombings of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's offices in Boston, Massachusetts, and Washington, D. C. The FBI's investigations into the bombing death of Alex Odeh and the bombing of the Boston Office of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee are still ongoing. The fire bombing of the Washington, D. C., offices of that organization is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Reply coordinated with SA [redacted], CID.

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July 10, 1986

Honorable Doug Barnard, Jr.  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Congressman Barnard:

Your June 9th letter on behalf of [redacted] has been received. [redacted] has written to express his concern over the murders of Dr. Ismail al-Faruqi and his wife. We have responded to similar letters from [redacted], two of which he directed to the FBI and one which was referred to the FBI by President Reagan.

The FBI is not actively investigating these murders since there has been no evidence of a violation within our jurisdiction; however, we are providing every assistance to the local law enforcement officials who are conducting an investigation into this matter. I am enclosing a copy of Assistant Director William Baker's June 25th letter to [redacted] for your information.

Senseless acts of violence cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. The FBI has committed all of its available resources to investigating those matters where it has been determined that terrorist activity is involved. We are currently investigating several incidents involving attacks against the American Arab community, including the death of Alex Odeh and the bombing of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's Office in Boston, in an effort to identify the individual or individuals responsible. Our efforts in this regard will continue in an attempt to successfully resolve these matters.

[redacted] may be assured that we in the FBI are totally committed to fulfilling our responsibilities to safeguard the American people.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster  
William H. Webster  
Director

Enclosure

Copy of Assistant Director Baker's 6/25/86 letter to [redacted]

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Honorable Doug Barnard, Jr.

NOTE: The murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

[redacted] has written to Judge Webster and the President expressing his concern regarding these murders and a letter similar to this outgoing response was sent to him on 6/25/86. The FBI is currently investigating the death of ALEX ODEH and the bombing of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's Office in Boston.

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Edwin Meese III, Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
10th and Constitution Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Meese,

Is it true that the Justice Department  
ordered the FBI to drop its investigation  
of the murder of Ismail Faruqi? If  
this is true, will you please explain now  
why Ismail AL Faruqi

Yours truly,  
[Redacted]

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

August 1, 1986

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[Redacted]  
Federal Bureau of Investigations  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear [Redacted]:

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested.

Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with the return of the enclosure, will be greatly appreciated. Please direct your reply to the attention of [Redacted] of my Washington office.

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Thank you for your thoughtful attention.

Sincerely,

*Richard G. Lugar*  
Richard G. Lugar US

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Ack let to:  
Hon. Richard G. Lugar

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On May 27, 1986, Dr. Isma'il al-Faruqi, a world renowned Islamic studies scholar and an American citizen, and his wife, Dr. Lamiya al-Faruqi, a respected scholar in Islamic Art and Architecture, were brutally stabbed and hacked to death in their home in Cheltenham Township, Pennsylvania "out of premeditated, vengeful rage," according to Theodore Garcia, the Montgomery County Coroner. [REDACTED] was also stabbed numerous times. The coroner adds, "I don't believe this is a burglary. It is my opinion that these are assassinations."

The Muslim Community of North America, numbering several millions, has grave concerns about these assassinations and the growing rash of violence against Muslim Americans. We sincerely believe our Community is being systematically targeted for abuses — including terrorism — in this country.

As a member of the Muslim Community of North America, I call upon you to (1) write to the FBI, and the congressional committee overseeing them, demanding that they pursue vigorously the investigation and bring the culprits to justice; (2) write to local law enforcement agencies requesting complete documentation of the entire investigation and (3) send copies of your correspondence and the responses to me.

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August 19, 1986

OUTSIDE SOURCE

[Redacted]

Queens Hospital Center  
82-68 164th Street  
Jamaica, New York 11432

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Dear [Redacted]:

Your July 30th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

First, let me assure you that all of us in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, and they cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. Where it is determined that terrorist activity is involved, such as in the death of Mr. Odeh, all of our available resources are committed to investigating the matter. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established. The FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter and bring this case to a prosecutable stage.

Although we also share your concern regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al-Faruqi and his wife, there is no evidence at this time of a violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We will afford every possible assistance to the local law enforcement authorities investigating these murders in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions.

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Please be assured that we would take immediate and appropriate action should information be developed which would indicate a matter within the purview of the FBI.

Sincerely,

  
William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of [REDACTED]. He wrote to the FBI re his concern that the investigation of the murder of Alex Odeh had been dropped. Response based on information previously furnished by SA [REDACTED], Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk. ASAC Tolen, Philadelphia Office, advised the murders of ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife are being investigated by local authorities with assistance offered through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. He further advised that it is his understanding that evidence has been sent to the Laboratory Division for examination. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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Los Angeles, California 90049

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Here are my two questions: Did you just ask. order the FBI to drop its investigation of the brutal murder of Imail Faruqi in Penn? and why are you permitting Israeli terrorists to operate with impunity on American soil in direct violation of the foreign agents registration? are you going to do anything to protect American citizens from domestic terrorism? Sincerely [redacted]



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attn: General Edwin Meese III  
Dept. of Justice  
1200 Constitution Ave. N.W.  
Wash. D.C. 20530

OUTSIDE SOURCE

September 4, 1986

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Tallapoosa, Georgia 30176

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Dear [redacted]:

Your July 16th letter to the Attorney General has been referred to the FBI and brought to my attention.

You asked if the Department of Justice has ordered the FBI to drop its investigation into the murder of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi. Since there has been no evidence of a Federal violation within the FBI's investigative authority, the FBI has not actively investigated the murders of Dr. Faruqi and his wife. This tragic incident is being investigated by the Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department. The FBI is providing every assistance to the local authorities in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended in this matter, and should the investigation by local officials develop information which would indicate a violation of Federal law within our responsibilities, we will take immediate action.

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Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

OCT 3 1986

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NOTE: Similar reply has been given to other citizens' inquiries regarding this case and it was coordinated with SA [redacted] CID.

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Honorable Richard G. Lugar  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

August 25, 1986

Dear Senator Lugar:

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Your August 1st communication on behalf of [redacted] regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife has been received. b6 b7C

The murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife are being investigated by the Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department as there is no evidence at this time of a Federal violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We are, however, affording every possible assistance to them in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended in this matter. Should the investigation by local officials develop information which would indicate a violation of Federal law within our responsibilities, we will take immediate action.

Senseless acts of violence cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. The FBI has committed all of its available resources to investigating those matters where it has been determined that terrorist activity is involved. We are currently investigating several incidents involving attacks against the American Arab community, including the death of Alex Odeh and the bombing of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's Office in Boston, in an effort to identify the individual or individuals responsible. Our efforts in this regard will continue in an attempt to successfully resolve these matters. SDS

[redacted] may be assured that we in the FBI are totally committed to fulfilling our responsibilities to safeguard the American people. b6 b7C

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Your enclosure is being returned as requested.

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Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
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Honorable Richard G. Lugar

NOTE: The murders of Dr. Ismail al-Farugi and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority. The FBI is currently investigating the death of ALEX ODEH and the bombing of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's Office in Boston. Substance of response previously used in reply to similar congressional inquiries.

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THOMAS S. FOLEY  
5TH DISTRICT, WASHINGTON

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**Congress of the United States**  
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Mr. Emil Moschella  
Legislative Counsel, Congressional Affairs  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Ninth & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Moschella:

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter I received from one of my constituents, [redacted], expressing her concern over an incident in Philadelphia where a Temple professor, Ismail al-Faruqi, and his wife were stabbed to death. [redacted] believes that these killings were politically inspired and wondered what was being done in the way of an investigation.

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I am sending this along to your office for your information and also for your comment. If you could shed any light on this incident, including any ongoing investigation of which you might know, I would appreciate it, so that I can better respond to [redacted].

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Should you need any further information feel free to contact my office. Please direct all correspondence to [redacted], my staff member handling this matter.

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

*Thomas S. Foley*

Thomas S. Foley  
Member of Congress

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July 25th, 1986

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Pullman, WA 99163

Representative Tom Foley  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510  
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Dear Representative Tom Foley:

On Tuesday, May 27th, around 2:30am, Temple University professor Ismail al-Faruqi and his wife Lois Lamya al-Faruqi were stabbed to death in their house in Philadelphia. [redacted], was also seriously injured in the attack.

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Since the initial brief report I have heard nothing in the media about what is being done to investigate this obviously politically-inspired murder of two American academics on American soil. I haven't even heard a condemnation of this attack from any of our elected officials, including you. On the other hand, acts of terrorism directed against Americans abroad are (of course rightly) but immediately condemned.

Dr. Ismail al-Faruqi, aged 65, was a professor of religion who helped establish many Islamic institutions in the United States, such as the Muslim Students Association in the 1960s; the Association of Muslim Social Scientists in the 1970s; and the International Institute of Islamic Thought and the American Islamic college in the 1980s.

He was also the founder and chair of the Islamic Studies Group of the American Academy of Religion; the vice president of the Interfaith Colloquium; a prominent member of the Christian-Jewish-Muslim Conference; and the author of many books on religion.

His wife Dr. Lois Lamya al-Faruqi, aged 60, was also a well-known scholar of Islamic art and culture.

Both were academics who were trying--peacefully--to build bridges between the Muslim world and America. They were doing nothing more than exercising their First Amendment rights of free speech and freedom of religion. Because of just this, their murder is far more of a threat to American values and way of life (and even to the rights guaranteed in the Constitution and Bill of Rights) than the murders of Americans killed abroad, tragic as their deaths also were.

As a U.S. Representative, shouldn't you be concerned about this threat, a threat which could undermine democracy itself? Or do First Amendment rights not extend to Americans who are Muslim or of Arab descent?

If you do not put pressure on the FBI and other law enforcement agencies to find the murders of Drs. Ismail and Lois al-Faruqi you will be giving tacit approval to some people to attack and murder (without fear of justice) innocent Americans whose only crime is to be Muslim or of Arab descent, or who try to make Islamic culture better understood in America.

I urge you to put pressure on the FBI to find their murderers with the same zeal of President Reagan when he ordered the bombing of Libya. I also urge you to protect the First Amendment rights of all Americans, including Americans who are Muslim or of Arab descent. We feel we are being intimidated into silence by the murderers of not only of Drs. Ismail and Lois al-Faruqi but also by the murderers of Alex Odeh in Los Angeles; those who bombed numerous mosques around the country last year as well as the

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x offices of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee; and who  
ransacked the offices of several university professors who happened to be of  
Arab descent.

I would also like to remind you of a Reagan Administration policy which  
claims to be keeping under surveillance all "pro-PLO groups in America."  
The target of this policy is obviously all American-Arab clubs and  
organizations as well as Islamic and Christian organizations which have no  
ties to the PLO. They are primarily charitable, social, educational,  
cultural, and religious organizations--for Americans. I urge you to protest  
this policy and to protect your electorate from it.

Sincerely,

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

September 12, 1986

Honorable Thomas S. Foley  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Foley:

Your August 27th communication to Special Agent [redacted] on behalf of [redacted] has been brought to my attention.

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[redacted] wrote you expressing concern regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife. Since there has been no evidence of a Federal violation within the FBI's investigative authority, the FBI has not actively investigated their deaths. This incident is being investigated by the Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department. The FBI is providing every assistance to the local authorities in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended in this matter, and should the investigation by local officials develop information which would indicate a violation of Federal law within our responsibilities, we will take immediate action.

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The FBI has committed all of its available resources to investigating those matters where it has been determined that terrorist activity is involved. We are currently investigating several incidents involving attacks against the American Arab community, which [redacted] mentioned, including the death of Alex Odeh and the bombing outside the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's Office in Boston, in an effort to

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Honorable Thomas S. Foley

identify the individual or individuals responsible. Our efforts in this regard will continue in an attempt to successfully resolve these matters.

I hope this information will be of assistance to you in responding to [redacted].

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Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

NOTE: Congressman Foley has written previously on behalf of [redacted], and by letter dated 12/11/85, our investigative efforts in the Alex Odeh case were furnished. Current letter advises of our continued efforts in that investigation and lack of jurisdiction in the matter involving the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi.

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August 26, 1986

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Los Angeles, California 90049

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Dear [redacted]:

Your August 4th communication to the Attorney General has been referred to the FBI for response and brought to my attention.

Since there has been no evidence of a Federal violation within the FBI's investigative authority the FBI has not actively investigated the murders of Dr. Ismail al Farugi and his wife. This tragic incident is being investigated by the Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department. The FBI is providing every assistance to the local authorities in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended in this matter, and should the investigation by local officials develop information which would indicate a violation of Federal law within our responsibilities, we will take immediate action.

We in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence which cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. The FBI has committed all of its available resources to investigating those matters where it has been determined that terrorist activity is involved. Terrorism is one of the most challenging crime problems in the world today, and one of the FBI's functions is to make sure terrorist do not succeed in the United States. Our goal is to detect and prevent domestic and international terrorist activity in the United States and to investigate those terrorist acts abroad which have by statute been made prosecutable in the United States.

We have achieved success in preventing terrorism through the utilization of investigative tools such as informants, electronic surveillance, undercover Agents, and most importantly, cooperation among all law enforcement agencies. Citizen

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support is also important in effectively addressing the terrorism problem in our country. Should you have information or should information come to your attention relative to terrorism or any act you believe falls within our investigative jurisdiction, I hope you will not hesitate to contact your local FBI office.

With regard to your inquiry regarding the Foreign Registration Act, the FBI has the responsibility and obligation to remain alert to any covert efforts by foreign powers to influence opinion in our country, particularly where it might relate to our national security. When information comes to our attention that would indicate a violation of the Foreign Registration Act, the facts are presented to the Department of Justice for consideration as to whether or not registration as an agent of a foreign government is required. I can assure you that the FBI is making every effort to fulfill its responsibilities to the American people.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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TONY P. HALL

THIRD DISTRICT, OHIO

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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

August 26, 1986

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

CN  
Congressional Liaison  
Assistant Director  
Congressional and Public Affairs  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Room 7116  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
9th and Pennsylvania Ave., N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir:

Attached you will find a copy of a sample post card which I have been receiving from concerned constituents of mine. As members of the Muslim Community of North America, they are deeply troubled by the recent killings and other violence directed against Muslim Americans.

In particular, they have brought to my attention the murder of Dr. Isma'il al-Faruqi and his wife, Dr. Lamya al-Faruqi in Cheltenham Township, Pennsylvania. They also note that [REDACTED] was stabbed numerous times.

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My constituents are concerned that these incidents may be part of a larger effort to target Muslim Americans for abuse and harassment. In this regard, I would appreciate learning from you what specific steps the Federal Bureau of Investigation is taking to protect Muslim Americans from such violence. In addition, I would like to know whether the F.B.I. is involved in bringing to justice those involved in the murder of Dr. Isma'il al-Faruqi and his wife, and in the attack on their daughter.

I can appreciate and understand the justifiable concern of my constituents and I look forward to receiving a response from the F.B.I. that I can share with them.

Thank you for your considerate attention.

Sincerely,

Tony P. Hall  
Member of Congress

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September 8, 1986

Honorable Tony P. Hall  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Congressman Hall:

Your August 26th communication on behalf of concerned members of the Muslim Community of North America has been brought to my attention.

Since there has been no evidence of a Federal violation within the FBI's investigative authority, the FBI has not actively investigated the murders of Dr. Ismail al Farugi and his wife. This tragic incident is being investigated by the Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department. The FBI is providing every assistance to the local authorities in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended in this matter, and should the investigation by local officials develop information which would indicate a violation of Federal law within our responsibility, we will take immediate action.

We in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, which cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. The FBI has committed all of its available resources to investigating those matters where it has been determined that terrorist activity is involved. I can assure you and your constituents that the FBI is making every effort to fulfill its responsibilities to the American people.

I hope this information will assist you in responding to your constituents.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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NOTE: Similar reply has been given in connection with other inquiries regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al Farugi and his wife. To date there has been no indication of a violation of Federal law falling within the FBI's investigative authority. The Philadelphia Office is providing every assistance under the Domestic Police Cooperation program.

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August 11, 1986

Honorable Alan J. Dixon  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Dixon:

Your July 28th communication enclosing correspondence from [redacted] who wrote regarding the murders of Dr. Dismail and Faruqi and his wife, has been brought to my attention.

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This tragic incident involving the deaths of Dr. Faruqi and his wife is being investigated by the Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department as there has been no evidence of a Federal violation within the FBI's investigative authority. The FBI is providing every assistance to the local authorities in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended in this matter, and should the investigation by local officials develop information which would indicate a violation of Federal law within our responsibilities, we will take immediate action.

I can assure [redacted] that we in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, which cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. The FBI has committed all of its available resources to investigating those matters where it has been determined that terrorist activity is involved and we will continue to make every effort to fulfill our responsibilities to safeguard the American people.

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I hope this information will assist you in responding to your constituent. Your communication is being returned as requested.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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Correspondents letter and its enclosure

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no records of [redacted]. The Philadelphia office is providing assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. To date, there has been no evidence of a Federal violation in connection with the deaths of Dr. Faruqi and his wife.

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July 14, 1986

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Mr. Allen J. Dickson  
316 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Attention: Mr. Allen J. Dickson

Dear Mr. Dickson

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On May 27, 1986, Dr. Ismail <sup>(9)</sup> ~~Pal~~ <sup>(P)</sup> ~~Faruqi~~ <sup>(S)</sup>, a world renowned Islamic studies scholar and an American citizen, and his wife, Dr. ~~Lamya~~ <sup>(P)</sup> ~~Faruqi~~, a respected scholar in Islamic Art and Architecture, were brutally stabbed and hacked to death in their home in Cheltenham Township, Pennsylvania "out of premeditated, vengeful rage," according to Theodore Garcia, the Montgomery County Coroner. [redacted] was also stabbed numerous times. The coroner adds, "I don't believe this is a burglary. It is my opinion that these are assassinations."

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Our Muslim Community of North America, numbering several millions, has grave concerns about these assassinations and the growing rash of violence against Muslim Americans. We sincerely believe our Community is being systematically targeted for abuses including terrorism in our own country.

As a member of the Muslim Community of North America, I call upon you to:

1. Write to the FBI, and the congressional committee overseeing them, demanding that they pursue vigorously the investigation and bring the culprits to justice.
2. Write to local law enforcement agencies requesting complete documentation of the entire investigation.
3. Send copies of your correspondence and the response to me.

Sincerely,

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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July 28, 1986

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*BM*  
Congressional Liaison Office  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Constitution Avenue and Tenth Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

*Encl*  
Dear Friend:

Enclosed is an inquiry I received from one of my constituents.

Because of my desire to be responsive to all communications, your consideration of the matter is requested.

Your findings and views, in duplicate form along with the return of this correspondence, will be appreciated. Please mark your reply to the attention of  on the envelope only.

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Thanks very much for your help.

Sincerely,

*Alan J. Dixon*  
Alan J. Dixon

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 4, 1986

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Mr. John R. Bolton  
Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legislative Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

*FARUQI, ISMAIL AL*

Dear Mr. Bolton:

I am writing concerning my previous inquiry on behalf of  
Mr. Sayed M.A. Gomah, President of the Islamic Society of  
Greater Houston. A copy of his most recent correspondence is  
attached for your reference.

I would appreciate whatever additional information or comments  
you may have on this matter at this time.

Sincerely,

*Lloyd Bentsen*  
Lloyd Bentsen

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PLEASE REPLY TO:

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Austin, Texas 78701  
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In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

# THE ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF GREATER HOUSTON

3110 EASTSIDE  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77098  
PH: 713-524-6615/524-2045

July 22, 1986

The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen  
U.S. Senate  
703 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bentsen,

Thank you for providing us with the interim report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the murders of Dr. and Mrs. Isma'il Al-Faruqi in your July 18 correspondence.

While technically speaking their brutal stabbing deaths may not fall within the jurisdiction of the FBI, the circumstances surrounding their deaths, their prominence in the Islamic and Arab worlds, as well as their efforts in bringing together the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths should be taken into consideration.

These were not random killings in a quiet Philadelphia suburb. The Faruqis were hacked to death by more than a dozen stab wounds from a 15-inch serrated knife. As quoted in the enclosed article from the Houston Chronicle, Montgomery County (Pa.) Coroner Theodore Garcia said, "I don't believe this was a burglary. I believe this was a premeditated-type assassination."

Furthermore, the death of the Faruqis' son only a few months earlier has been described as "mysterious" and occurring under "suspicious circumstances." Initial reports said he died in a car accident while driving alone. Later reports indicated he may have been food poisoned which caused him to lose control of the car. He was stationed with the U.S. Army in New Mexico at the time of his death.

I appreciate your interest in the past, and I urge you to not let this matter be regarded simply as a local crime and left unresolved. Such a man of peace cannot be forgotten - justice must prevail.

Sincerely,

Sayed M.A. Gomah  
President

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## CURRICULUM VITA

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After his graduation from the American University of Beirut (B.A. in Philosophy, 1941), he attended Harvard University (1949-51) and obtained a Ph.D. degree from the University of Indiana, 1952. His doctoral dissertation centered on the epistemology and metaphysics of values. He studied Islamic religion and thought at Al Azhar University in Cairo (1954-57), and as a Rockefeller Foundation Fellow, he studied Christianity and Judaism at McGill University in Montreal. He also taught there at the Institute of Islamic Studies. He held visiting professorships at the Universities of Alexandria, Al Azhar and Cairo in Egypt as well as at Chicago in the U.S.A. In 1961 he was invited by the Government of Pakistan to help found the Central Institute of Islamic Research and launch its journal, *Islamic Studies*. In Fall, 1964, he was appointed Associate Professor of Religion and was asked to found the graduate program in Islamic Studies at Syracuse University. Since 1968, he has been a Professor of Religion at Temple University and Director of Graduate Islamic Studies. From 1981, he has acted as Director and Secretary-Treasurer of the International Institute of Islamic Thought. Professor al Faruqi is currently President of the Islamic Institute of Advanced Studies.

Professor al Faruqi is member of the International Association for the History of Religions, the American Oriental Society, and former chairperson of the Islamic Studies Group of the American Academy of Religion. He is member of editorial boards for seven scholarly journals. He has been the recipient of scholarships or grants from the Spalding Trust, McGill University, Inter-University Research Association for Institution Building, Temple University, the Fullbright Program, World Assembly of Muslim Youth, etc. He has been consultant for universities in Libya, India, South Africa, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Qatar, Egypt, Iran, the Philippines, Pakistan and the Sudan; and has held visiting professorships in seven different countries of Asia and Africa. He has been active in Muslim organizations in North America throughout his stay in this continent: as President of the Muslim Community of Greater Montreal, as Chairman of the Board of Editors of *American Trust Publications*, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the North American Islamic Trust, as President of the Association of Muslim Social Scientists, etc. Among his many publications we mention the following:

1. 'Urubah and Religion: A Study of the Fundamental Ideas of Arabism. Amsterdam: Djambatan, 1962, xi + 287 pages.
  2. Christian Ethics: A Systematic and Historical Analysis of Its Dominant Ideas. Montreal: McGill University Press, 1968, xv + 333 pages.
  3. The Historical Atlas of the Religions of the World. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1975, xviii + 346 pages; 65 maps and numerous chronologies, bibliographical materials.
  4. Islam: Niles, Illinois: Argus Communications, 1979.
  5. Islam and Culture. Kuala Lumpur: Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia, 1980.
  6. Islam and the Problem of Israel. London: Islamic Council of Europe, 1980.
- and over 50 other books, translations, editions and articles.

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#### DR. IL OZDEMIR:

Professor at the Theological Faculty in Izmir, Turkey. Currently, visiting scholar at the Harvard Center for the study of World Religions. Studied Islamic Sciences and Arabic at Dokuz Eylul University in Izmir, Turkey. Dr. Ozdemir has published and is doing research on Christian-Muslim relations.

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### Islamic Scholar and Wife Slain in Pennsylvania

WYNCOTE, Pa., May 27 (AP) — An Islamic scholar and his wife were stabbed to death early today and their daughter was seriously wounded.

Ismail al Faruqi, a 65-year-old professor at Temple University, and his 59-year-old wife, Lois, an art scholar, were found dead with multiple stab wounds in their home in this suburb of Philadelphia, the police said. Their 27-year-old daughter was stabbed in the chest and arms.

The weapon apparently was "a 15-inch survival-type knife" found near the body of Professor al Faruqi, said Lieut. Robert Krauser of the Cheltenham Township police.

Sgt. Alan Butan said the Federal Bureau of Investigation was providing technical assistance to the police "because of al Faruqi's prominence in the Islamic world." He declined to comment on reports that the couple might have been assassinated.

# Islamic scholar, wife stabbed to death

Houston Chronicle News Services

WYNCOTE, Pa. — An Islamic scholar and his wife were stabbed to death and their pregnant daughter seriously wounded with a 15-inch knife, police said. The FBI has joined the investigation because of the husband's connections to the Arab world.

Ismail al Faruqi, 65, and his 59-year-old wife, Lois, an art scholar, were found dead with multiple stab wounds in their suburban Philadelphia home at 2:48 a.m. Tuesday, police said. Their 27-year-old daughter was found on the kitchen floor, bleeding from wounds to the chest and arms.

The weapon apparently was "a 15-inch survival-type knife" found near the body of the al Faruqi, a Temple University religion professor, said Lt. Detective Robert Krauser of the Cheltenham Township police.

The slayings occurred in the family's home in an affluent suburban Philadelphia neighborhood. Krauser called the case "unusual" because burglary did not appear to be the motive.

Krauser said police had not established a motive and knew of no threats against the professor.

"It's hard to say if anything was taken," Krauser said. There were signs of a break-in and a struggle, police said.

"The reason the FBI was contacted was because of al Faruqi's prominence in the Islamic world," said

Sgt. Alan Butman, declining comment on reports the couple may have been assassinated.

The FBI is providing investigative and technical assistance to local police, said agency spokesman James McIntosh, who declined further comment.

"It sounds to me to be a very suspicious incident," said Faris Bouhafa, a spokesman for the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee in Washington, D.C., which counted al Faruqi among its 15,000 members.

"Dr. Faruqi was a member of the Anti-Discrimination Committee and, while he was not politically active or visible, he was a prominent member of the Arab community."

The New Jewish Agenda, a Philadelphia group working to establish dialogue between local Jews and Palestinians, said in a statement, "We are concerned about a growing pattern of violence and threats of violence against politically outspoken Arab-Americans."

Al Faruqi's associates at Temple, where he had taught since 1968, said he was not involved in politics, though he traveled frequently to Arab countries.

"I am not familiar with all his movements," said



Al Faruqi

Gerald Sloyan, chairman of Temple's religion department and a friend.

"He was in close touch with many chancellors and presidents of Islamic universities, including those in Nigeria, Pakistan, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, and Lebanon. He had family in Beirut. As far as I know he was not politically involved."

Al Faruqi was born in Jaffa, when the Israeli town was part of British-run Palestine, and came to the United States after World War II. He earned his master's degree at Harvard University and his doctorate at the University of Indiana before becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen.

He studied at al-Azhar University in Cairo and came to Temple in 1968 from Syracuse University, where he met and was married to his American wife.

The discovery of the victims, both lying face down with multiple wounds, followed a frantic telephone call from their married daughter, Aunmar el Zein, who reported "an intruder in the house," Krauser said.

El Zein, who was living with her parents, was in serious but stable condition at Rolling Hill Hospital.

Her 18-month-old son and a 21-year-old sister, whose names were not available, were found unharmed, hiding in a closet in the two-story dwelling.

Al Faruqi was found in the second-floor den; his wife on the floor of a shed adjacent to the kitchen.

Besides the daughters who were in the house, the couple had three other children.

# Area Islamic group decries slaying

The Islamic Society of Houston has strongly condemned the slaying of Islamic scholar Ismail al Faruqi, stabbed to death with his wife Lois by an intruder in their Pennsylvania home Tuesday.

Sayed Gomah, president of the society, said the murder "is a violation against everyone who values peace, religious freedom and human rights."

He called on the authorities to also investigate the couple's son's recent death in an automobile crash.

Al Faruqi, 65, had been director of graduate Islamic studies at Temple University since 1968 and devoted much of his life to foster understanding between religious groups.

He attended a conference at Rice

University last month on the peaceful coexistence of Muslims and Christians.

A prayer service for Faruqi and his wife will be held at 2:30 p.m. today in the Islamic Center, 3310 Eastside.

Meantime, in Wyncote, Pa., police said they suspect a "local guy" killed al Faruqi but challenged a coroner's statement that the couple were victims of an assassination, not a bungled burglary.

"I have great hopes it's going to be a local guy," said Cheltenham Township Police Lt. Robert Krauser. "I have high hopes it's somebody right in the area just from our investigation thus far. I'm not saying it wouldn't be some kind of a hate thing. I certainly wouldn't say it's just assassination."

Krauser said investigators obtained fingerprints of the man who pried open a window in al Faruqi's suburban home and then killed him and his wife with a serrated knife described as a "Rambo survival-type" weapon.

"I don't believe this was a burglary. I believe this was a premeditated-type assassination," said Montgomery County Coroner Theodore Garcia.

He said an autopsy showed al Faruqi was apparently roused from sleep and was wearing only shorts and a T-shirt when the intruder "began to slash and hack away at him."

Krauser said police were divided over whether the al Faruqis were murdered by a burglar or an assassin.



# Alien-Linked Terrorists Suspected In Assassination of Islamic Scholar

EXCLUSIVE TO THE SPOTLIGHT  
By Warren Hough

The Jewish Defense League (JDL) and the Jewish Defense Organization (JDO)—two terrorist groups affiliated with Israel—are the prime suspects in the assassination of a revered Islamic scholar and his wife at Philadelphia's Temple University on May 27, a SPOTLIGHT reporter on the scene has learned from law enforcement sources close to the investigation.

Dr. Ismail Rajai Faruqi, 65, and his wife Lois, 60, were stabbed to death in their suburban home by an unknown assailant wielding a commando knife at 2:30 am on May 27, FBI sources said.

One of the murdered couple's four daughters, Anmar Zein, 27, was also wounded in the attack. Taken to Rolling Hills Hospital near Philadelphia with multiple stab wounds in the chest and arm, she was reportedly in "serious but stable condition" a few days later.

On the assumption that the terrorist outrage was the work of pro-Israeli terrorists, Attorney General Edwin Meese ordered a special FBI task force to take over the investigation of the double murder from local police in Cheltenham Township, where the slain couple resided.

However, within 48 hours the order was reversed. An FBI spokesman disclosed that bureau agents had been directed to drop the case, leaving the investigation "in the hands of local authorities."

As this issue of THE SPOTLIGHT goes to press, the real reason behind the FBI's sudden decision to abandon the probe is still unclear.

As a Palestinian refugee and lifelong advocate of his nation's struggle against foreign occupation, Faruqi was a prime target for terrorist violence, federal investigators say. The SPOTLIGHT has learned that before he was driven into

exile by the Israeli invaders, Faruqi served as mayor of his hometown, Ramla, on the West Bank.

According to FBI investigators, the official who was subsequently elected to replace the exiled Faruqi was soon afterward assassinated by Israeli terrorists. 'MAN OF PEACE'

At Temple University, where both American and Arab students attended his classes, Faruqi was an influential and popular teacher. "He was an internationally known scholar and a strong spokesman for the rights of his people," Dr. Gerard Soloyan, director of religious studies at Temple, told SPOTLIGHT special correspondent Paul Chevasson.

"But he was also regarded, at least by those of us who knew him, as a man of peace."

For the past 15 years, Faruqi, a leading authority in his field, has taught a variety of courses on the religious doctrine and cultural history of the world of Islam at Temple, where he became a full professor in 1974.

In 1975 he completed a book, "The Historical Atlas of Religions of the World," his major publication among his numerous writings. The book has been translated into several languages and is regarded as a standard of scholarship.

Sources close to the investigation say that in recent years Faruqi has emerged as a key spokesman for the Palestinian cause in the United States. These sources recalled with concern that Victor Vancier, head of the JDL's terrorist operations in the New York-Philadelphia region, and Mordecai (Mark) Levy, the JDO's organizer and leader—both men identified by federal investigators as veteran terrorists—have publicly urged the assassination of Arabs who spoke out for the rights of Palestinians or for the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Among his projected targets for assassination, Vancier specifically cited a professor of Islamic doctrine at a major university in terms that suggested scholars were the chief targets of Israel's current terrorist drive in this country.

## POLITICAL MOTIVE

Although it was not generally known, sources close to the investigation say Prof. Faruqi was about to begin a nationwide speaking tour with appearances on a New York campus and in Washington as well as in several other cities—a possible political motive for the attack on his life.

Shortly before he died, Faruqi published a paper on the Palestine crisis, which was recently quoted in an article in the New York "Times."

The quote contended: "The injustices perpetrated by Zionism are so complex, so compound and so grave that there appears to be no way of stopping or undoing them short of a violent war."

The latest murder will come as no surprise to regular readers of THE SPOTLIGHT, who were informed by this paper (on May 19) that a secret FBI report foresaw an increase in Israeli terrorism in America.

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THE RETURN OF THE JDL

**NICE JEWISH BOYS WITH BOMBS**

ROBERT L. FRIEDMAN (P. 21)

Two Critics Debate Pulling the Plug

**TV OR NOT TV**

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JDL leader Victor Vancier made threats against Arabs and those he perceives to be pro-Arab in an interview featured in the "Village Voice" (SPOTLIGHT, May 19).



Mordecai Levy (aka Mordecai Levi, Mark Levi and others) is the leader of the violence-prone JDO. He is pictured above (arrow) leading a demonstration in New York.



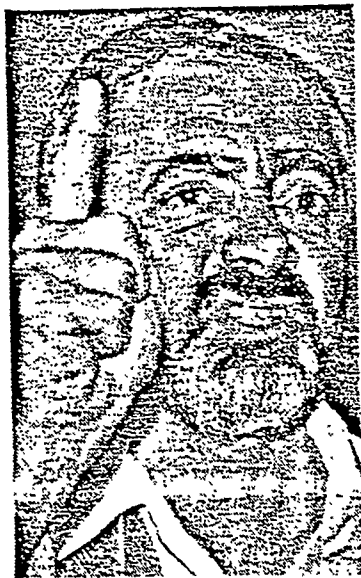
ISMAIL FARUQI  
... Slain Islamic scholar.

# Lobby Target of Terrorists; FBI Says Its Hands Are Tied

EXCLUSIVE TO THE SPOTLIGHT  
By Richard V. London

The terrorist division of the FBI has informed Liberty Lobby the agency is fully aware of a letter written by a well-known terrorist leader in which he makes a veiled threat against the Washington-based populist institution.

The FBI says, however, it cannot take



MEIR KAHANE  
... Founder of the JDL.

## Big Friends

The violence-prone Jewish Defense League (JDL), its founder Brooklyn-born Rabbi Meir Kahane, now a member of the Knesset (the Israeli parliament), and the Zionist terrorist underground in general have friends in high places.

One of the JDL's leading patrons in this country is a New York accountant named Bob Jacobs. Jacobs gave Kahane \$20,000 for his 1984 campaign for the Knesset and has raised money on behalf of terrorists in Israel.

In this country Jacobs has also been politically active. He has raised money for his close friend Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) whom he accompanied on Helms's first trip to Israel. Following that journey Helms enthusiastically endorsed Israel's continued occupation of the West Bank, in a featured article in "Policy Review," published by the Heritage Foundation.

Jacobs has criticized New York JDL leader Victor Vancier for not being "militant enough."

According to Vancier, "Jacobs says the JDL should be beating up American Arabs and left-wing Jews, especially journalists, who support the Palestine Liberation Organization."

As noted in an accompanying story, the Justice Department has backed off in its investigations of JDL terrorism. •

any action until there has been "some sort of direct activity." Words apparently are not enough, even though the terrorist in question, Victor Vancier, has a long history of criminal activity (see related story).

Vancier, head of the New York chapter of the Jewish Defense League (JDL), wrote a letter to the editor of the "Village Voice" (which was published in its June 3 issue) responding to an expose of Vancier and his JDL activities. The article itself appeared in the May 6 issue of the New York weekly.

Vancier noted that the article by one Robert Friedman (whom Vancier describes as a "Jewish anti-Semite") conceded that the JDL has been, as Vancier put it, "experiencing a dramatic resurgence in recent months."

"This is partly due to the fact that Jew hatred is rapidly rising, with the neo-Nazi Liberty Lobby alone having hundreds of thousands of supporting names on its mailing list, and raising many millions of dollars," he said.

Vancier went on to allege that Liberty Lobby is only one of dozens of what he called "nazi-Klan" groups, which, he

said, are gaining daily in strength.

"In addition," bemoaned Vancier, "the fact that polls show the vast majority of Blacks supporting Jew haters Jesse Jackson and Louis Farrakhan (who called Hitler a 'very great man' while denouncing Judaism as a 'gutter religion') has also stirred appropriate Jewish concern."

Vancier complains that the "Voice" article had denounced JDL-linked terrorists for murdering anti-communist Soviet emigre Tscherim Soobzokov, who, Vancier claimed, "butchered thousands of Jewish children." Vancier called Soobzokov a "Nazi war criminal."

Citing alleged "Arab nazi" acts of violence against Jews and Israelis, Vancier accuses the "Voice" of being a proponent of "the new holocaust and the new genocide."

Vancier has also been quoted as saying: "There is no difference ... between a Nazi in Germany and an Arab in America who supports the Palestine Liberation Organization."

Either is obviously a worthy target for destruction, in his view. •



VICTOR VANCIER  
... Prone to violence.



LIBERTY BUILDING  
... Home of Liberty Lobby.

## JDL Told Soviet Targets a 'No-No'

Apparently it's OK for the Jewish Defense League (JDL) and other Zionist "underground" terrorist groups to murder and maim Arab-American leaders, anti-communist European emigres and other Americans, and to bomb the headquarters of historical research groups.

But, according to Victor Vancier, the JDL has been warned, "You are not to strike Soviet targets."

"This comes from the highest levels," a federal agent told New York JDL leader Vancier during a private conversation on February 14.

The Justice Department refused to comment on one particularly brutal act of terrorism, which is believed to be the

work of the JDL. The department referred The SPOTLIGHT to the FBI when this newspaper sought to determine why the FBI has been withdrawn from the investigation into the slaying of Dr. Ismail Faruqi, a noted Islamic scholar.

Faruqi, a Palestinian, was, with his wife Lois, brutally stabbed to death in their home in Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia (SPOTLIGHT, June 9).

A spokesman for the bureau denied the agency had withdrawn from the probe, but in the next breath said the FBI had "no jurisdiction" over the case, because, he said, there was "no indication" that the murder of the scholar and

his wife was politically motivated or terrorist in nature.

The bureau's spokesman quickly added, however, that the FBI continues to make its technical assistance available (as it does for any police department) to the local authorities who are investigating the double murder.

The county coroner who investigated the Faruqi slayings has declared he believes the intention was purely homicidal. He said there was no sign of any attempted theft at the scene.

(Shortly before the assassination of the Faruqis, Vancier revealed the JDL had targeted a prominent Palestinian-American professor for "liquidation.") •



ISMAIL FARUQI  
... Murdered by terrorists.

## Violence Will Make You Gasp

"The Jewish underground will strike targets that will make Americans gasp," says Victor Vancier, the 29-year-old violence-prone leader of the New York chapter of the Jewish Defense League (JDL).

Those who make it their business to keep an eye on Vancier take his threats seriously.

In 1974 Vancier was convicted of his first felony—bombing a Soviet diplomat's car in New York City. He was sentenced to two months in jail for his crime.

According to the "Village Voice," Vancier, "after committing a wave of bombings and arson for which he says he was never arrested," was convicted in December, 1978, along with a JDL colleague, for firebombing 11 Egyptian diplomatic targets in various locations along the East Coast. He served 16 months in prison as a result.

After his release, Vancier was linked, through a group he founded called Jewish Direct Action (JDA), to the bombing of a Soviet diplomatic residence in New York in 1984, for which the JDA claimed credit.

Vancier also dispatched JDL members, armed with stun guns, to attack groups of the "Jews for Jesus" organization who were distributing pamphlets on the streets of Manhattan. And just a few weeks ago the JDL boasted of breaking into and vandalizing Christian churches that proselytize Jews.

Those who have been threatened by Victor Vancier clearly have reason to be alarmed.

# Terrorist Reveals Plans for America

EXCLUSIVE TO THE SPOTLIGHT

By P. Samuel Foner

State-sponsored terrorism is about to erupt in the United States, just as the Reagan administration and the Establishment media have predicted. But it will not be perpetrated by Libyan strongman Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi or the mercurial Abu Nidal.

Americans are going to be blown away by agents of the terrorist Jewish Defense League (JDL). The league has sworn to destroy anyone it perceives to be anti-Israeli.

This information was not secured by any of America's or its allies' intelligence organizations. It appeared in the cover story of the May 6, 1986 mass-circulation, pro-Israeli New York weekly the "Village Voice."

So intense is the "Voice's" commitment to Israel that it once fired its star columnist, Alexander Cockburn, for being "pro-Arab." Yet it was this same newspaper that headlined "The Return

of the JDL: Nice Jewish Boys With Bombs"—an interview by Robert I. Friedman of Victor Vancier, a convicted firebomber and new head of the JDL in New York.

Vancier publicly calls for more murders of Arab-Americans and "neonazis"—that is, anyone the terrorists perceive as being adversaries of Israel. In a remarkably candid outburst, Vancier revealed that a prominent Palestinian-American professor had been marked for "liquidation."

The intended victim is not named in the "Voice" story but FBI sources told The SPOTLIGHT the target is Prof. Edward Said, a widely respected Columbia University scholar.

Although the lengthy and rambling "Voice" story occasionally seems to suggest JDL terrorists are merely, as a New York legislator described Vancier, "extremely sincere, dedicated . . . and devoted" militants for Israel, it makes a number of revealing points:

- Mordechai Levy (aka Mordechai Levi, Mark Levy and Maik Levi)—a longtime JDL human, who now commands his own faction, the Jewish Defense Organization—has perpetrated a string of violent crimes while working as an informer for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith.

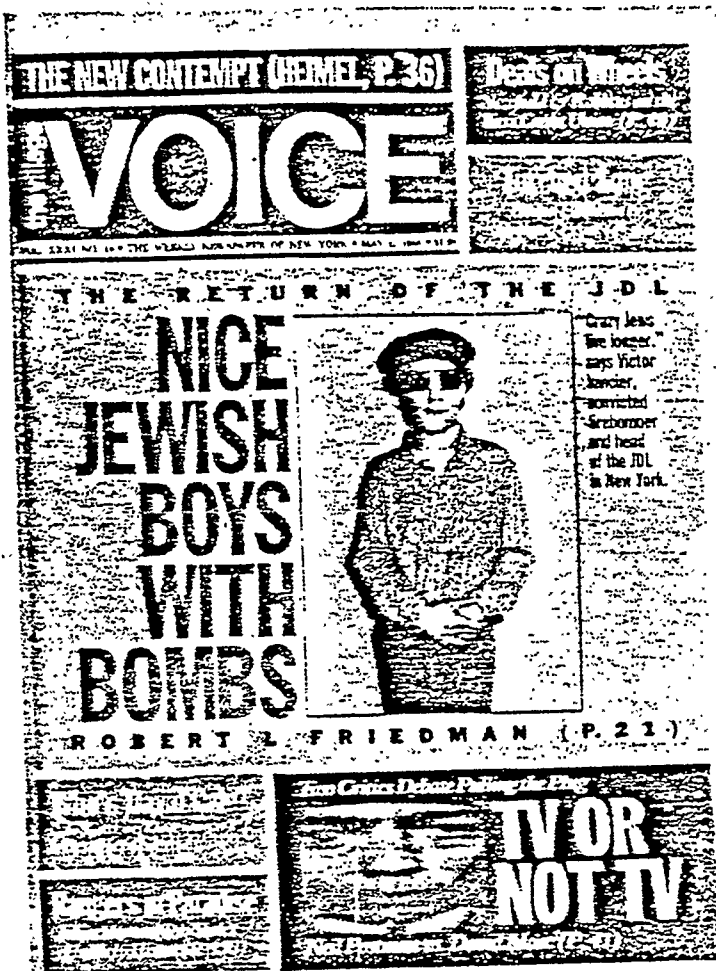
In the past, Levy and ADL have strenuously denied any connection with terrorism.

The ADL has been identified numerous times as an illegally unregistered agent for the foreign state of Israel.

- The JDL has acquired a "Russian chapter," some of them recent arrivals from the Soviet Union, which targets Americans with notable anti-communist records, such as Tscherim Soobzokov, murdered last August 15 by a terrorist bomb.

- The JDL and other terrorist organizations launched in this country by Rabbi Meir Kahane, now a member of the Israeli Knesset, have been raising the needed funds for Kahane's political base in Israel. "If his [Kahane's] dollars dried up, so might his support in Israel," writes Friedman.

- Israel, in return, serves as the guiding sponsor of JDL terrorism here in America. Friedman, quoting a JDL member who has "served two years in a federal prison on bombmaking



Terrorist revealed plans in the "Village Voice."



MORDECHAI LEVY

... Above in a police "mug shot" and below, leading a demonstration in New York City.



## Reagan Gets FBI Warning

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Begin) is a terrorist. That's what they call him. I'm just doing what he tells us to do in his book."

Evidence that terrorist groups operating in the United States are following the guidance—and depending on the support—of key Israeli leaders has been accumulating in the files of the FBI and the super-secret NSA, which decodes diplomatic communications.

### TOP TERRORISTS

The SPOTLIGHT has learned that in a closely guarded FBI summary, never circulated to other federal agencies, 19 top Israeli officials are identified as having "an extensive terrorist record."

charges," notes that "the Jewish underground in Israel has set the stage for the Jewish underground in America."

- Americans should prepare for "an unprecedented wave of violence," warns Vancier. "If you think the Shiites in Lebanon are capable of fantastic acts of suicidal terrorism, the [Israeli] underground will strike targets that will make Americans gasp."

FBI sources told The SPOTLIGHT an

updated report on the resurgence of Israeli-linked violence was waiting on President Ronald Reagan's desk when he returned from the economic summit in Tokyo.

The Establishment media continues to rant about how the United States will "react with force" to terrorism—but the intended victims are all, perhaps not so curiously, considered to be adversaries of Israel.

More than half of these terrorist chiefs are cited in the FBI report as having maintained "direct" or "supportive" contacts with violent organizations of pro-Israeli militants in the United States. Among them are:

- Ex-Prime Minister Menachem Begin.
- Ex-Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who is about to reassume that office.
- Minister without portfolio Yaacov Meridor, who reportedly served two tours as the Mossad's station chief (chief clandestine officer) in the United States.
- Member of Parliament Gula Cohen, a high political figure who is

known to travel occasionally to the United States, to maintain contacts with the Jewish Defense League (JDL) and other radical groups.

- Former Minister of Defense Ariel Sharon, now minister of industry, who also maintains contacts with militant pro-Israeli organizations on his frequent visits to America.

- Israel Levi, a key organizer of Begin's Herut Party. Levi was a bomb-maker in earlier years and responsible for the explosion that wrecked Jerusalem's King David Hotel on July 22, 1946. Levi now handles liaison between the Herut and the JDL and similar gangs.

August 15, 1986

Honorable Lloyd Bentsen  
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Dear Senator Bentsen:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 4, 1986, received by the Department on August 15, 1986, on behalf of .

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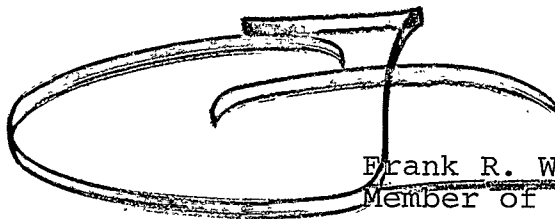
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Dear Mr. Webster:

Enclosed please find materials from the  
National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA)  
concerning the killings of Mr. and Mrs. Farugi  
in Philadelphia.

I would appreciate your reporting to  
me on what actions the F.B.I. has taken or may  
take regarding this case.

Sincerely,



Frank R. Wolf  
Member of Congress

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September 3, 1986

The Honorable Frank R. Wolf  
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Dear Frank:

My many thanks for taking considerable time out of your very busy schedule to meet with some of the leadership of the Arab-American constituency in your district.

In our meeting, we expressed our grave concern over the killing of Mr. and Mrs. Faruqi. The Faruqis were scholars, educators. Mr. Faruqi was especially recognized as an international authority on Islam and had made significant contributions in the areas of Christian-Jewish-Muslim relations as demonstrated in his many writings and especially in his book, Triologue of Abrahamic Faiths.

The concern of many in our community is that the murders were politically motivated because Mr. Faruqi was a naturalized citizen who had immigrated from Palestine. In an article in the Village Voice just days before the murders took place, the JDL made some threats against an unnamed professor.

I am writing to ask you to write to William Webster, Director of the FBI, to make certain that the FBI investigates this matter and exhausts all possible motives for the murders, including the political ones.

Attached, you will find the Village Voice article and some press clippings on the Faruqis.

Sincerely,

Bob Clark  
Acting Director of Government Affairs



# WHO KILLED THE FA

Ahmad Abu Junaid reports from Washington on the brutal killing of the internationally renowned Islamic scholar, Professor Ismail al-Faruqi and his wife, and attempts to trace the motives behind his murder

On 27 May, at approximately 2.30am, Professor Ismail Raji al-Faruqi, an internationally known Islamic scholar and archivist, and his wife Dr Lois Lamya al-Faruqi, were stabbed to death in their home in Philadelphia. Seriously wounded in the attack was Faruqi's daughter, Dr Anmar el Zein. She is now reported to be in fair condition at Rolling Hill Hospital in Philadelphia.

About 200 stitches were needed to close six stab wounds in her chest and arms. The Faruqi's youngest daughter, one of the couple's four children living at home, escaped attack by hiding in an upstairs closet with Zein's 18-month-old son. Dr Zein later described the attacker as a black man in his thirties, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing more than 200 pounds.

The attacker's knife, which was found near Dr Ismail al-Faruqi's body, had a 10-inch razor sharp blade. A screw driver, apparently used to break open the kitchen window, was found in a nearby curb side trash can. Police described the knife as

"the type made popular by *Rambo* and *Kung Fu* movies."

According to police, the intruder broke open a window of a back shed adjacent to the kitchen. Dr Lamya Faruqi, who was awake for *suhur*, heard the noise and rushed to the kitchen. The intruder, without uttering a word, started stabbing her. Soon the 60-year-old frail lady fell dead from the brutal stab wounds. Dr Anmar el-Zein was attacked when she heard her mother's screams and came downstairs. The killer followed her through the house. Dr Ismail al-Faruqi awoke and came out of the bedroom. The man left Zein and attacked Dr Ismail al-Faruqi. Dr al-Faruqi was stabbed and hacked 13 times in the chest and abdomen.

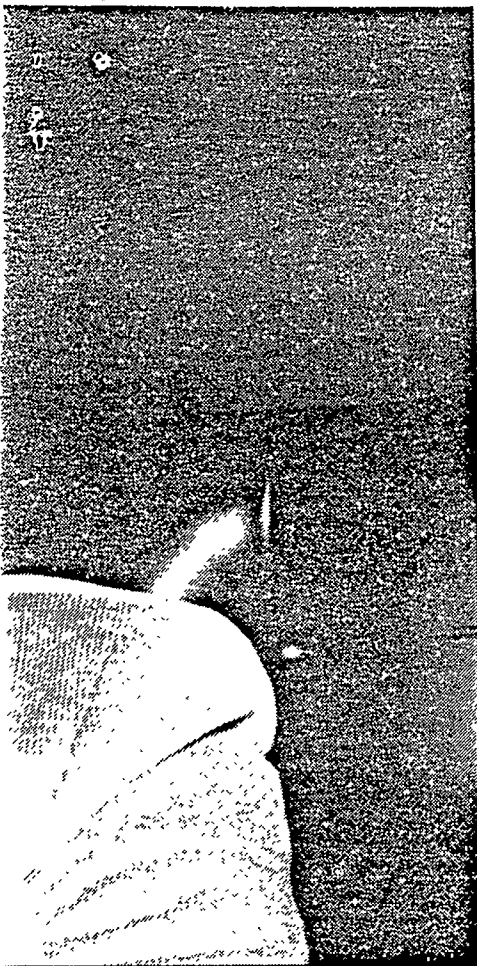
When the police came a few minutes later, they found Anmar el Zein sitting on the kitchen floor bleeding profusely. Her parents were already dead. Lamya al-Faruqi, soaked in blood, was lying face up on the floor of the shed, and Ismail al-

Faruqi was lying face down in the front room den area.

Although the local police began its investigations with the theory that it was "sloppy" burglary, the FBI was asked to provide investigative and technical assistance "because of al Faruqi's prominence in the Islamic world." The burglary theory became less tenable when it was found that nothing was missing from the home of the victims. "I don't believe this is a burglary," the Montgomery county coroner Dr Theodore Garcia said in an interview. "It is my opinion that these are assassinations." Garcia said that the stabbing of the renowned Islamic scholars appeared to be "deliberate" and "premeditated." Dr Garcia based his conclusion on the nature of the stab wounds. The extent and number of the wounds indicate that the attacker was deliberately trying to kill the couple rather than incapacitate them, he said. A burglar would not have made such a deliberate attempt to make certain the Faruqis did not survive the attack, Dr Garcia said.

Although nothing conclusive can be said before the completion of the investigations by the Philadelphia police and the FBI, the savage and gruesome





# RUQIS?

killings of Dr Ismail al Faruqi, who had become a living symbol of Islamic resurgence in the United States, cannot be considered unrelated to some disturbing developments for the Muslims and Arabs in a country which takes considerable pride in its religious and ethnic pluralism and tolerance.

There is a violently anti-Muslim and anti-Arab trend which has been developing recently in the United States as a result of the dangerously indiscriminate diatribe against "Islam" and "Arab" "terrorism" by government agencies and the media. A week before he ordered the air attack against Libya, President Reagan, during a news conference, first identified Colonel Qaddafi as a "Muslim" and then described him as a "terrorist", "a mad dog", and "barbarian". The press and television have also continued to use the label "Moslem terrorists" in their reports on the events in the Middle East.

A conservative daily newspaper which has close contacts with the Administration, recently ran a front-page headline of "Islamic Terrorism in the US." This sweeping indictment of Islam and all Muslims (read "Arabs") by the media has created a psychological climate

in which Islam and terrorism have become synonymous in the consciousness of an ordinary American. This constant attempt to equate Islam with terrorism in the minds of the American audience has been accompanied by calls for "retribution", "retaliation", and "revenge" by both the official circles and the increasingly influential religious and conservative groups. Together they have created a situation in which some over-zealous individuals or organisations have taken the law into their own hands and attack prominent Islamic figures and institutions. Reports of vandalism against the mosques and Muslim community centres in the United States have more than tripled in recent months.

When the television evangelist Pat Robertson, who is considering seeking the

1988 Republican presidential nomination and claims millions of followers in his electronic church, denounces the Libyan leader Qaddafi as an "Islamic fundamentalist" and suggests that the only way to stop Qaddafi's "terrorism" is to "kill him", he gives encouragement to those looking for some Islamic fundamentalist target in their own neighbourhood.

The assassination of Dr Faruqi could also be related to the resurgence of Jewish terrorist organisations in the United States which, during the past two years, have claimed "credit" for numerous bombing attacks against Arabs who were considered dangerous. Professor Ismail Faruqi, a prominent Palestinian, who served as the last Palestinian governor of Galilee during 1945-48, spoke fearlessly

## US media tries to blame murder on factional in-fighting



Left: More than 4000 mourners from all over the US gather for the funeral of Ismail Faruqi and his wife

Far left: Ismail Faruqi and his wife Dr Lois Lamya al-Faruqi

While the Philadelphia police and the FBI continue to investigate the motives of the assassination, they haven't yet found — or at least made public — any conclusive lead that could help them to track the assassin.

Meanwhile, some interested circles are suggesting that the assassinations could have been the result of some intra-Muslim, factional hostility. This was given added credence by a *Voice of America* broadcast in which a newly-converted and disgruntled Muslim was mentioned as an alleged perpetrator of the crime. This story also appeared in some Muslim world newspapers.

But those who have known Professor Faruqi for many years, and were close to him in Philadelphia, outrightly reject this view and say that he was one of the few Muslim leaders who was equally respected by all Muslim groups in the area. "He was equally popular among the immigrant as well as the local, Afro-American Muslims," a local Muslim leader in Philadelphia told *Arabia*.

He was frequently invited to speak by all Muslim organisations and was always a consensus choice to lead the Eid prayers. "He was an affectionate and friendly man who would never offend anyone in any way," said another Muslim leader who has known Professor Faruqi since he first came to Philadelphia in 1968. "He always emphasised the need for unity among the various Islamic groups and organisations and was of the firm view that the local, native-born American Muslims should be the ones to lead the Islamic movement in North America," Ghulam Nabi Fai, a close associate of Professor Faruqi said:

*Arabia* has also learnt from reliable sources who are quite knowledgeable about the internal situation of the Temple University where Professor Faruqi taught, that Professor Faruqi was facing considerable and open hostility from some of his colleagues in the department of Religious Studies.

Several Muslim students have complained that their decision to work under Professor Faruqi's supervision has caused them problems with some other professors in the department. A non-Muslim colleague of Professor Faruqi when contacted by a local newspaper reporter for his reaction to the assassination said bluntly, without any sympathy, that Faruqi was a controversial figure who used to hurt people's feelings!

against the Zionist occupation of his homeland and wrote extensively against the Jewish propagandists in the United States.

*The Near East Report*, the official newsletter of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), described Prof Faruqi in its January 1984 issue as the one who wants to "destroy the state of Israel." This lead was immediately picked up and the Jewish Anti-Defamation League included Prof Faruqi's name in a secret letter sent out to its campus chapters asking them to monitor his activities. Faruqi's name also came up in a recent conference at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he was described as "the most dangerous enemy of Israel" since he was trying to blend Islam and the Palestinian national liberation movement in order to dislodge the Israeli occupation of Palestine.

A front-page story published in the May 6, 1986 issue of *The Village Voice*, a mass-circulation left-wing pro-Israeli weekly of New York, carried a story entitled "Nice Jewish Boys with Bombs", written by editor Robert I Friedman. It was based on extensive interviews with the leaders of the Jewish Defense League (JDL), a Jewish terrorist organisation established by Rabbi Meir Kahane in 1968 to intimidate and punish anyone who dared to speak against Israel. It was a remarkable story in that the JDL leaders openly discussed with Friedman their past terrorist activities as well as their future plans to unleash an "unprecedented wave of violence" against the anti-Israel and anti-Zionist elements in the United States.

The New York JDL chief, Victor Vancier warned, "If you think the Shiites in Lebanon are capable of fantastic acts of suicidal terrorism, the Jewish underground will strike targets that will make you gasp." One of the targets Vancier specifically mentions in his outburst is a "prominent Palestinian American professor" who has been marked for liquidation.

In December, William Webster, the FBI director, had warned that Arab Americans had entered a "zone of danger", and were prime targets of "Jewish extremist groups". A Washington weekly *Spotlight* reported in its 19 May, 1986 issue that an updated FBI report on the resurgence of Israeli and Jewish linked violence in the US was waiting on President Reagan's desk when he returned from the economic summit in Tokyo.

It is against this background that the tragic event of 27 May took place. One cannot pinpoint the motives of the killer at this stage, or say whether the perpetrators of this heinous crime acted alone. Pending investigations, however, Muslims in the US and abroad, will continue to entertain serious doubts and suspicions.



## The life and legacy of the Faruqis

*Ahmad Abu Junaid outlines the careers of Ismail and Lamya Faruqi, and examines their unique contribution to Islamic thought and practice.*

Rarely has a single couple made such a great contribution to Islamic da'wa work in the West as that made by Dr Ismail al Faruqi and his wife Lamya.

Deeply convinced of the relevance of the Islamic message to the plight of modern man, the Faruqis devoted their intellectual talents and energy in the service of Allah and of their fellow Americans. It was during their travels in the US and abroad that they helped build a vast and effectively organised network of believers, friends and supporters.

It was only because of their presence that Temple University soon became a prominent seat of Islamic learning in the United States. At the time of his death, Prof. Ismail al-Faruqi was advising more than thirty students from all over the Muslim world.

Ismail al-Faruqi started out as a Professor of Islamic and Arabic studies

who was deeply concerned about the plight of his fellow Palestinians in the 1950s. He was one of the first Palestinian intellectuals who undertook to create awareness among educated Americans of the true nature of the Arab-Israeli conflict in the Middle East. This phase of his work was best exemplified by his extensive translations of major contemporary works, and his association with the American Council of Learned Societies.

By the mid 1960s, however, Dr I Faruqi became more and more actively involved in the emerging Islamic movement in America. He soon became the favourite professor of the Muslim students who organised themselves under the banner of the Muslim Students Association (MSA). Serving as an advisor and counsellor, he helped the MSA to establish chapters across North America until it grew into a national organisation of all Muslims.

Lader in the early 1970s, Faruqi became a major force in the founding of the Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS), the institutional outgrowth of the MSA. The AMSS was created to serve as a forum for the discussion of contemporary intellectual thought within the framework of Islam. It was in this context that Faruqi published a series of monographs on Islamisation of knowledge.

In pursuit of this objective, Faruqi and his colleagues founded the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) in 1981-82. The IIIT was intended to pioneer a broad-based intellectual movement to think anew the epistemological bases of contemporary Islamic thought. The analytical brilliance Dr Faruqi displayed in his last major work *Tawhid* inspired many, including its critics, to pursue the themes developed in this book. There is no doubt that the emerging movement for the Islamisation of knowledge and its institutional manifestation in the form of IIIT will be Faruqi's most enduring legacy.

Professor al-Faruqi was also a pioneering spirit behind the establishment of the American Islamic College in Chicago and served as its first president. He taught at the McGill University, Syracuse University, the Central Institute of Islamic Research, Karachi, Al-Azhar University and served as a consultant in Islamic studies for universities throughout the Muslim world. At the time of his death, he was professor and head of the Islamic studies programme at Temple University where he had been teaching for the past 18 years.

Prof al-Faruqi founded the Islamic Studies Group of the American Academy of Religion and chaired it for ten years. He was also the vice-President of the Interfaith Colloquium, the Christian-Jewish-Muslim Conference and one of the major figures in the on-going dialogue between the three Abrahamic faiths. He created the neologism "Triologue" and edited the first book entitled *Trilogue of Abrahamic Faiths*, a work which has been acclaimed a major effort to build bridges between peoples of the three revealed religions.

At the time of his death, Prof al-Faruqi was putting the finishing touches to his monumental work *Atlas of Islamic Culture and Civilisation*, soon to be released by MacMillan Publishing Company. His other work *Historical Atlas of the Religions of the World*, a standard reference on the subject throughout the world, was also published by the MacMillan Company in 1974.

Dr Ismail al-Faruqi has been described by many of his colleagues as one of the most formidable minds in Islamic Studies in the West. At 65, he had behind him a celebrated career of a profound scholar, a

devoted teacher, and an active da'wa across the continents. Dr Lamy al-Faruqi, who was a scholar of great distinction in her own right, contributed enormously towards explicating the Islamic traditions in art and culture. Lamy met Ismail Faruqi in Syracuse where she was completing her doctorate

on "The Nature of the Musical Art of Islamic Culture".

Though the Faruqis are no longer with us, their memory will continue to inspire thousands of Muslims who came into contact with them during their extraordinary careers as teachers and da'wa.

## Letter to the President

Condemnation of the murder has come from all the Muslim world. Here we publish excerpts from a letter sent to President Reagan by Ibrahim Al-Wazir, the leading Yemeni and international Islamist figure.

His Excellency, the President  
of the United States of America,  
The White House,  
Washington DC, USA



Dear Mr President,

The news of the murder of Dr Ismael Al-Faruqi, the Muslim humanist thinker, US national and university professor, has now spread worldwide. This great thinker and his wife were victims of a vicious and inhuman attack which recall memories of Sabra, Shatila and Dir Yassin in its brutality. Dr Faruqi's daughter was also cruelly attacked by the murderers and is now in hospital suffering from stab wounds. Dr Faruqi's son died previously of poisoning in mysterious circumstances as yet unclarified.

Other Arabs have been murdered, among them the late Alexander Awdeh, the former regional director of the Arab-American Committee Against Racial Discrimination (AACARD), who was assassinated towards the end of last year.

I also wish to bring your attention, Sir, the activities of the Jewish Defence league and its continual threats to Arab-American professors and acts of arson against AACARD offices and the aggression used against the Institute of Historical Research in Los Angeles.

These acts of terrorism of a racist nature constitute an assault on the concept of freedom of opinion in the world's most powerful country. It prides itself on being a champion of human rights and the world's protector against terrorism. The world is a witness to America's silence and apparent blindness whenever an Arab or a Muslim is a victim of terrorism.

Many a terrorist act is wrought by the devils of state intelligence and those who wage grievous war against the weak and oppressed. How otherwise can we interpret the killing of innocent, unarmed and unprotected men of learning, except that there be an understanding between them. How otherwise do we interpret the burning of offices and places of worship without a single word of denunciation on your part, Mr President, as was the case in Houston. Have you given up the cause of human rights?

You have launched worldwide campaigns against terrorism. We and the whole world strongly denounce your methods. Acts of terrorism are masterminded by agents of evil who doubtless work for international intelligence, and who wander the world free from challenge and questioning. Such acts are commonplace in Palestine and before the eyes of the whole world.

The Palestinian question cuts through the conscience of our sad and tortured world. It aches the hearts of all nations and individuals who truly relate to humanity. Only those without any conscience are the exception.

Mr President, you are the leader of the most powerful state in the world and the carrier of the trust of worldly power. Why do you keep silent? Why do you shield the murderers? Why are the facts distorted at the time terrorism is committed against the oppressed? Why is commonsense and reason not applied by the responsible people in America and the international communities?

To you, Mr President, to the Americans and to every human being in this world, I would like to address a conscientious call for the application of reason and justice. And verily, God is watching.

Ibrahim bin Ali Al-Wazir  
President of the Federation of  
Shourists (Democrats) Co-operatives in Yemen

*The Jewish underground  
will strike targets  
that will make Americans gasp:  
'How could Jews  
do such things?'* "

## THE RETURN OF THE JDL

# NICE JEWISH BOYS

**J**ews need a crazy image pop," says Victor Vancier, the brash, tough-talking 29-year-old head of the Jewish Defense League in New York. "One reason Nazis bullied Jews was because Jews were easy targets. To put it bluntly, crazy Jews live longer."

Vancier—a small, slight, boyish-looking man who carries a three-foot-long, black metal flashlight that he uses as a truncheon—says that "craziness" helps Jews in a lot of ways. "If the Soviets are afraid that their diplomats in the U.S. will be killed, that their offices will be blown up, and that we will take other actions that will disrupt Soviet-American relations, they'll realize that they are better off letting the Jews go," he recently told me.

Dressed in jeans, a faded flannel shirt, and a pale blue parka covered with grime, Vancier said that a crazy JDL would also liquidate neo-Nazis and American Arabs who support the PLO, which he calls the "proponents of the New Holocaust, the New Genocide." He even talks about silencing a prominent Palestinian-American professor who is an outspoken supporter of the PLO. "I think the man is a monster. And that means anything goes. I believe the Arabs are the new Nazis, the heirs of the Third Reich. I don't wish him well to say the least," he said, breaking into peals of laughter.

The professor, however, isn't laughing. Several months ago, his office was ransacked and his apartment building was broken into by a band of young Jewish thugs. Vancier says he doesn't know who was behind the break-ins, but calls them "Jewish patriots."

Speaking softly, between sips of tea in a Manhattan coffee shop, Vancier told me he is in contact with the same Jewish terrorist underground that the FBI says carried out a string of bombings last year that killed two people, including a prominent Arab American official. For all his

men." Indeed, the JDL's current membership has dropped to well below 1000; by the end of last year, it had less than \$3000 in its national treasury. Six months ago, Fern Rosenblatt, who was then the JDL's national director, had to close the organization's national office on Kings Highway in Brooklyn for lack of funds.

Although the JDL is back in the news because of last year's bombings, it is not only broke, but also in total disarray. Kahane's prolonged absences from the U.S. have created a vacuum that over the years has nurtured the growth of competing bands of right wing Jewish warlords, who are united only by the rabble rousing rabbi's legacy of violence and Jewish machismo. It is a legacy that has ultimately turned the JDL into a fratricidal movement, in which its members spend more time plotting against each other than against their gentile enemies. So violently factionalized has the JDL become that last December, shortly after Kahane named Vancier East Coast JDL boss at a convention at the Penta Hotel in Manhattan—turmoil erupted within the movement. Walter Berkowitz, the JDL's 65-year-old national treasurer who opposed Vancier, confiscated the organization's bank book and membership list and turned them over to Yacov Lloyd—a young, militant Queens rabbi with visions of becoming another Kahane. The two men proclaimed themselves the heads of the "New JDL," though Lloyd told me they do not yet have a single follower. Last December, a pipe bomb exploded under Berkowitz's car, shattering windows throughout his quiet Queens neighborhood. In late February, Berkowitz's car was totally destroyed by a firebomb. No arrests have been made in either incident.

### Carving up the Territory

Within this labyrinthine world of Jewish militancy—where virtue is measured by how much money one gives to right wing causes in Israel—there are many pretenders to Kahane's throne.

The most serious challenge to Kahane's continued de facto control of the JDL—and ultimately of the militant, right-wing Jewish community in the U.S.—has come from Murray Wilson, a 47-year-old Bronx born Jew who has a



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swagger, Vancier won't say who is in the underground or how they might be linked to the JDL. Nonetheless, he claims to speak on their behalf. "Gorbachev's proposed summit with Reagan in the U.S. next summer will be met with an unprecedented wave of violence," he says with rising excitement. "If you think the Shi'ites in Lebanon are capable of fantastic acts of suicidal terrorism, the Jewish underground will strike targets that will make Americans gasp: 'How could Jews do such things?' They [the underground] are desperate people. They don't care if they live or die!"

## Legacy of Violence

The JDL itself was built on a doctrine of desperation that warned American Jews they would be engulfed in a second Holocaust. Founded in 1968 by Brooklyn-born Rabbi Meir Kahane, the JDL grew from a handful of hard-core activists and a mimeograph machine to more than 10,000 members, some of whom were trained in weapons and martial arts at a camp in the Catskill mountains. Soon camp alumni had graduated from "protecting" elderly Jews left behind in black and Puerto Rican neighborhoods to bombing Russian and Arab property in the U.S. "Kahane got crazies to do things nice Jewish boys never would," says Gary Moskowitz, a former martial arts instructor at the JDL Catskill mountain camp and currently a New York City cop.

By the 1980s, however, the JDL was a shadow of its former self. Its decline started in the early 1970s after Kahane moved to Israel, where he used the organization as a means to funnel money and manpower to his *Kach* ('Thus') party in Jerusalem. "Our best boys have gone to Israel to be with the Rabbi," says Irwin Block, the head of the JDL in southern Florida. "All that's left here are old

soft spot for Las Vegas crap tables, gangster movies, and radical right wing Jewish politics. Though Wilson says he has contributed more than \$350,000 in cash and equipment to the JDL, he publicly broke with Kahane in August 1984, after the rabbi wrote a column in the Brooklyn-based *Jewish Press* calling for the liquidation of "Hellenist, spiritually sick [Jews] who threaten the existence of Judaism."

Wilson says Kahane's violent rhetoric against Jews whom he opposes, combined with his neglect of the JDL, so he could advance his career in Israel, eventually turned him against the rabbi. "He never gave a shit about American Jews," Wilson says now from his 10th floor suite in the Empire State Building where he oversees his many business interests, which include an import export firm. "He cares about Meir Kahane. If he cared about American Jews, he wouldn't have gone to Israel. Now that he's there, let him stay there!"

So deep is his hatred of Kahane that in September 1984, Wilson hired private detectives to follow the rabbi while he was in New York raising funds. One night, Wilson told me, Kahane was tailed to a safe house in an Irish neighborhood in Queens, which he rented under an assumed name. While the rabbi slept, the men broke into Kahane's rented car and stole his briefcase. Several days later, Kahane's car was broken into again. This time clothing and religious articles were stolen and the car was spray painted with the slogan: "Nigger get out of America."

That same week, the JDL's Brooklyn office was burglarized and the JDL's files were stolen. On November 4, four men were arrested for carrying concealed weapons outside the Fort Lee, New Jersey, synagogue where Kahane was speaking. "All that's left here are old



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ing. The four were bailed out of jail by Wilson. Kahane later complained in a letter to the FBI that Wilson was responsible for burglarizing the JDL office and accused Wilson of attempting to have him assassinated—a charge Wilson flatly denies.

Last October Wilson brought together a group of Jewish militants to discuss "forging a united militant Jewish front" that would co-opt the JDL and take it firmly out of Kahane's orbit. Seated around a corner table at Lou G. Siegel's kosher restaurant in the garment district were Bertram Zweibon, an attorney and co-founder of the JDL and once Kahane's closest friend; Chaim Stern, a wealthy Holocaust survivor and one-time Kahane backer living in Queens; Mordechai Levy, head of a small JDL offshoot, the Jewish Defense Organization (JDO); and L.A. JDL chapter head Irv Rubin, who had been selected by Kahane last August to be the JDL's national director.

"We agreed to carve up the U.S.," Wilson told me. "Rubin was to get the West Coast [where he has about 60 hard-core followers], Levy the East Coast; a JDL representative would have a desk in Levy's New York office, and a JDO representative would have a desk in Rubin's office in L.A."

Rubin says he agreed to the arrangement because Kahane was exploiting the JDL. "After all these years of promoting Kahanism, we're entitled to something," Kahane gets all the money and headlines, he says, "yet we don't even get a bone... I couldn't even get enough money to go to Kansas City to hassle Farrakhan."

The sit-down at Lou G. Siegel's was notable if only because it brought together Rubin and Levy, who had been bitter enemies. Levy once belonged to the JDL chapter in Los Angeles. But, according to Rubin, the independent-minded Levy had a habit of launching violent actions on his own. Rubin says he finally beat up



Kahane: turning Jewish fears into dollars

Levy so severely that he spent two weeks in the hospital.

Meanwhile, by his own account, Levy spent much of the early 1980s leading a double life. In Los Angeles, he was a maverick JDL activist. During the same period, he would sometimes turn up on the East Coast, reincarnated as a security agent for a violently anti-Semitic, right-wing hate group headed by Lyndon LaRouche. Of Levy, LaRouche once said: "I think of him as my son." Nevertheless, Levy claims he didn't join LaRouche, but rather infiltrated the group and shared what he learned with the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith and other Jewish organizations. Gail Gans, an ADL official in New York, admits that Levy provided them with information about LaRouche. In 1982 Levy changed colors again and founded the JDO—which, like the JDL, has been dedicated to a campaign of violent harassment against its enemies.

Word of the Lou Siegel meeting quickly leaked to Kahane in Israel. "He was

horrified when he found out," Rubin later told me. "He thought I'd gone over to the enemy camp." A few weeks later, Kahane sent Rubin a threatening letter written on Knesset stationery. "Dear Irv," the letter began, "I was really distressed to hear you're involved in dope smuggling from Mexico. Give my regards to Murray and Bert. P.S.: Bob Manning also sends his best... I will decide what to do with you when I see you in L.A."

Rubin phoned Wilson in a panic. Not only did Kahane threaten to smear him with what he claims are baseless charges, but Bob Manning, a former middleweight boxing champion in the U.S. Army, is reputedly one of Kahane's most feared enforcers.

"If he [Kahane] died tomorrow, I'd be happy," Rubin whined to Wilson. "I would not sit shiva."

"Now you know what kind of garbage you're dealing with," Wilson replied. "And you wouldn't let me do what I wanted to do."

"Murray, do what ever you want to

do," said Rubin. Nevertheless, Kahane, ever the master of manipulation, put down the revolt. Let Rubin keep the JDL's West Coast chapters as his private fiefdom, as well the title of JDL National Director, return for a promise to stay away from Wilson. "Kahane threatened to take away Irv's JDL T-shirt if he didn't have," snorts Wilson.

Though Rubin says he has since made up with Kahane ("He just sent me a letter saying I'm doing a good job"), he still trying to distance himself from his former mentor. "It is my purpose to break away from Israeli politics and establish a viable, independent JDL" that is not weighed down by "the negative baggage that surrounds Kahane," says Rubin. "If Kahane becomes prime minister, there will be a civil war in Israel, and Jews will die. That's my greatest, greatest fear. I never joined the JDL to fight Jews."

In the spirit of détente, Rubin recently forged an alliance of sorts with JDL New York boss Vancier. Vancier, in turn, has established an uneasy truce with Levy, though they both still compete for money and recruits. Meanwhile, Vancier, has a plan to rebuild the JDL on the East Coast.

## The New Wave

When Victor Vancier joined the JDL in 1971, he was a junior at Jamaica High School in Queens. Three years later he was convicted for his first felony—a JDL firebombing of a Soviet diplomat's car in Manhattan. Vancier served two months on Rikers Island, then joined SOIL (Save Our Israel Land), a JDL-front group set up by Kahane to demonstrate against returning Arab land captured by Israel in the Six Day War. Borough Park assemblyman Dov Hikind, who was the SOIL's leader, remembers Vancier as being "extremely sincere, dedicated... and devoted to Jewish causes."

Vancier was also one of the JDL's most notorious bombers. After committing

wave of bombings and arson for which he was never arrested, in December 1976 Vancier and another JDL member were convicted of firebombing Egyptian diplomatic targets in New York, Virginia, and Maryland. Vancier served 16 months of a 21-month sentence in federal prisons in New York and Florida. He was released from prison in April 1980 and returned to New York, where he found a job in the advertising department of the *Jewish Press*. In August 1983, Vancier founded a JDL splinter group called the Jewish Direct Action, which claimed responsibility for firebombing the Soviet UN diplomatic residence in the Bronx in 1984.

Vancier is determined to leave his mark on the JDL. Last December, for example, he dispatched squads of JDL members armed with stun guns to attack Jews for Jesus pamphleteers on Manhattan street corners. "We cleared them off the streets in a week," bragged Vancier. The police are currently investigating the incident. Also in December, the JDL rolled stink bombs into a Palestinian solidarity day meeting on Queens College campus. In January, 40 JDL members picketed the Pan Am building in Manhattan to protest the airline's alleged hiring of neo-Nazis for top management positions. A few weeks ago, two churches in North Bergen that actively proselytize Jews were broken into and vandalized. On the walls was spraypainted: "This time we write, next time we bomb JDL." Currently the JDL, which has small chapters scattered throughout the New York metropolitan area, offers boxing classes at synagogues in Chelsea and Kew Gardens, Queens. This spring, Vancier says, the JDL will begin training members in automatic weapons in the Catskills. Vancier also has a weekly half-hour TV show on Manhattan Cable called "The JDL Speaks." He describes the show as "just a half hour of me raving." Most recently, at an April 28 press conference in front of the Pan Am building,

## *"There is no difference between Hitler and Arafat—between a Nazi in Germany and an Arab in America who supports the PLO."*

Vancier announced that "a Jewish underground" composed of recent Russian Jewish immigrants would stage violent attacks against Pan Am planes because the airline had resumed flights that day to the Soviet Union.

But Vancier is focusing most of his considerable energy on finding "qualified" Jewish activists to join the JDL. On a bitter cold day last January, Vancier introduced me to five men he called the JDL's "New Wave"—professionals with families who had belonged to the JDL in their youth, left it for successful careers, and are now reinvolved. The men, who represent JDL chapters in the Village, Staten Island, Flatbush, and Brighton Beach, agreed to be interviewed in a Chelsea bar so long as their identities were kept secret.

"Ronnie," a soft-spoken, bearded father of two young children, runs a consulting firm in New Jersey. He moved to Israel in the mid-1970s, but found economic conditions too harsh and moved back to New York. Now he has a yuppie income and a co-op in the Village.

Four months ago, Ronnie told me, he helped the JDL enter the computer age. He and a friend set up a nationwide JDL computer network by renting lines from American Peoplelink, a large Chicago telecommunications firm. "Using home computer terminals, Ronnie said, 'Irv Rubin in L.A., Victor in New York, and [local JDL head] Ken Sidman in Boston can communicate with each other at the touch of a keyboard. The 'conversations' can be encrypted so that even if the FBI was on the line, they'd need to break the

code to understand it."

Ronnie says the system can also be used as an electronic bulletin board to provide news about upcoming JDL demonstrations or Kahane's latest political pronouncement. So far, he says, about 70 JDL members around the country are plugged into the network.

Ronnie claims JDL hackers have also used the system to break into a similar network set up by a neo-Nazi group in North Carolina. He says the JDL has left threatening messages on the Nazis' bulletin board and is trying to electronically steal the group's membership list.

I asked Ronnie if he condoned a violent Jewish underground that murdered Arab American supporters of the PLO and alleged Nazis.

"It's a tough question," he said, "I've often thought about whether I could kill a Nazi or Arab who supports the PLO. I don't know if I could. I do know there is no difference between Hitler and Arafat—between a Nazi in Germany and an Arab in America who supports the PLO."

"Marty," who appeared to be in his late forties and who claimed to work for the city, said violence against Nazis and American Arabs is necessary, but only as a defensive rear guard. "There is no future for Jews in America. I have no individual retirement account. I have a valid passport. I have my money as liquid as possible, and I urge every Jew to do the same."

"Alexi," a recent emigré from Odessa who is now head of the JDL's 15-man, all-Russian Brighton Beach Chapter, says a violent Jewish underground is an

acceptable way to combat anti-Semitism. "I don't lose sleep over murdered Nazis or American Arabs who support the PLO. They have been responsible for the deaths of so many people."

Alexi says his group, some of whom were soldiers in the Red Army, occasionally practice with automatic weapons in the Catskills. "There is a Puerto Rican underground, there is a Cuban underground, why shouldn't there be a Jewish underground if it helps our cause?"

Alexi, an engineer, says he first heard about Kahane in Odessa. "The Russian media denounced him daily as a 'Zionist hooligan,'" he says. Although Alexi believes Kahane is responsible for bringing tens of thousands of Russian Jews to America, he says that until a few years ago, there was no support for Kahane or the JDL in Brighton Beach, a predominantly Russian Jewish enclave of Brooklyn. "Now with Kahane in the Knesset it's different. Last year when he came to Brighton Beach he spoke to overflow crowds. I won't lie and say the majority in our community favors Kahane. The majority of Russian Jews in the U.S. are politically apathetic. But there is a growing minority who support Kahane and the Jewish Underground."

## **The Jewish Underground**

Kahane has long dreamed of forging a Jewish underground that would liquidate his enemies. As early as 1974, he called for the creation of a "world-wide, Jewish anti-terror group" that would "spread fear and shatter the souls" of Israel's Arabs, forcing them to flee for their lives. In 1975, according to Israeli police officials, Kahane began to build an anti-Arab terrorist underground, the TNT, which in the next few years would stage dozens of bloody raids against West Bank Arabs.

In 1979, Kahane called for the establishment of a similar terrorist underground in America that would "quietly and professionally eliminate those mod-

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existence." He proposed that a "militant and sometimes violent" JDL should serve as a spokesman for the "American Jewish underground."

Indeed, the current pattern of violence directed against Arab Americans and alleged Nazi war criminals recalls the JDL founder's vision. Last year, a string of bombings that claimed two lives was attributed to the JDL by the FBI, which says the primary suspects are American Jews who were members of the JDL before joining Kahane in Israel. "They became involved in radical groups in Israel and now are back in the U.S.," says Thomas L. Sheer, an FBI official who heads the joint FBI/NYPD task force on terrorism. Sheer says that there is also some evidence indicating the possible involvement of Russian Jews from Brighton Beach in the recent violence. On February 28, FBI director William Webster said before a House subcommittee on civil and constitutional rights that he considers "the potential for further violence... by Jewish extremist groups... to be quite high."

For their part, spokesmen for the JDL and the JDO have publicly praised the violence while denying complicity in the attacks. Nonetheless, all of the targeted

## JDL members spend more time plotting against each other than against their gentile enemies.

groups and individuals had appeared on the militant groups' published "hit lists" and had been subject to violent harassment campaigns. Furthermore, in private conversations, JDL leaders say they take pride in the professionalism of the bombings. "In the old days, we used to fire-bomb a Soviet diplomat's car and hurry home to phone our friends and brag about it," says Vancier. "Then we would hold a press conference to applaud the bombing. You're certain to get caught when you do that. Of course the FBI would know who to look for. I think someone really learned their lesson."

Just how well someone learned their lesson became apparent last August 15. At 4:29 that morning Tcherim Soobzokov, a member of the Nazi Waffen SS, was killed by a pipe bomb when he stepped outside his Paterson, New Jersey, home after being awakened and told his car was on fire. Soobzokov's name had appeared on both JDL and JDO hit lists. Moreover, JDO boss Mordechai Levy had

denounced Soobzokov in a speech on August 7 in front of 50 people at a Passaic, New Jersey, synagogue. "Whoever did it, did a righteous act," Levy said of the bombing. Rabbi Kahane, who was in New York at the time, said, "I can only cheer, fully applaud such action."

On September 6, 1985, Elmars Sprogis of Brentwood, New York, a 69-year-old former Latvian policeman who had been cleared on charges that he helped Nazis kill Jews during World War II, was only slightly injured when a bomb attached to his front door exploded. But the bomb blew off the legs of a young rock and roll drummer who tried to put out a fire on Sprogis's porch, which apparently had been set to draw him outside. A few hours after the Sprogis bombing, *Newsday* received a telephone call with what sounded like a recorded message: "Listen carefully. Jewish Defense League. Nazi War Criminal. Bomb. Never again!" A week before the bombing, Fern Rosenblatt, who was then the national director

of the JDL, reportedly received a phone call from a man speaking English, with what sounded like a heavy Russian accent, informing her that the underground was about to strike and telling her to alert the media after the action. A JDL spokesman later called the Sprogis bombing "a brave and noble act."

The most recent bombing death occurred in Santa Ana, California, on October 11, when Alex Odeh, the 41-year-old regional director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, was blown in half by a booby-trapped bomb wired to his office door from the inside. The previous night, in the middle of the Achille Lauro affair, Odeh appeared on local ABC-TV talk show to deny Arafat had any connection to the ship highjacking or the murder of Leon Klinghoffer. "My tear ducts are dry," Irv Rubin later said of Odeh's murder. "I'm too busy crying over Odeh's victims."

According to the FBI, each of the three bombings was carried out with pipe bomb booby traps that were set to explode when doors were opened. "Other characteristics that were similar in the three bombings indicate either the bomb makers had the same teacher or the same group or person did it," said FBI official Sheer. "Each bomb has a signature," he explained. "Do you remember how in *The Little Drummer Girl* the terrorist twisted a wire inside the bomb in a cer-

bombs have signatures too."

Last December William Webster warned that Arab Americans had entered a "zone of danger" and were prime targets of "Jewish extremist groups." Besides the murder of Odeh, there have been three other attacks on ADC offices, one in San Francisco and two in Boston. On August 16, 1985, a pipe bomb placed in front of the ADC's Boston office exploded in the faces of two bomb disposal experts, injuring one critically. ADC offices and members have received countless threatening phone calls and telegrams from the JDO and the JDL. One telegram said: "We have Bassem Shaka's legs," referring to the West Bank mayor who was grievously injured in 1980 by a car bomb that was planted by Jewish terrorists in Israel.

The ADC's Washington office has also been the scene of noisy demonstrations led by Rabbi Kahane and Mordechai Levy. On January 7, 1986, two ADC staff members were forced off the road on the way home from work by a car which sped away afterwards. There have been many other suspicious attacks on Arab Americans in recent months including the June 30, 1985, beating-rape of a 19-year-old woman in a suburban Tucson parking lot by two men who carved a Star of David into her chest with a knife, according to *The Arizona Daily Star*. The woman had reportedly been dating a Palestinian college student known for his support of the PLO. No arrests have been made.

Arab American organizations have expressed intense dissatisfaction with the FBI's lack of progress investigating the attacks against their community. "Everytime a Palestinian greengrocer in Dearborn writes a check to the PLO, the FBI is swarming all over the place," says James Zogby, the head of the Arab American Institute in Washington. "Why haven't the FBI caught the Jewish terrorists?"

The Feds have been paying more attention to the JDL lately, however. Vancier says that in recent months many of his members have been visited by federal agents at their homes and places of business. On February 14, Vancier himself was picked up by two FBI agents in front of the Queens home, where he lives with his parents and sister, and questioned for several hours in the agents' car. "They wanted to know if I was in contact with the underground," Vancier recalls. "One of them said to me: 'Listen you SOB, this comes from the highest levels. You are not to strike Soviet targets!'"

Though the FBI may be leaning on the "Jewish underground," its members can trace to certain influential Jewish leaders: *Continued on page 26*



for moral support. Dov Hakin, a JDL member and assemblyman from the 48th district in Borough Park, says he favors a Jewish underground. "It is a group that is made up of people who are intelligent, professional and their goal is to execute these clearly responsible for killing tens of thousands. Then I would have no problem with that. Does the underground exist? Something seems to exist. Somebody has executed some people with clear connections to the Holocaust."

If there is a Jewish underground operating in America, it could rely on a nationwide JDL network that has been in place since 1968. New York has become a virtual haven for Jewish terrorists, many of whom practiced their craft in Israel. Ira Rappaport, a Brooklyn native who is wanted in Israel for questioning in connection with the bombing of Nabliu mayor Bassam Shaka, is living in Cedarhurst, New York; Craig Leitner, who is wanted in Israel in connection with the TNT machine-gun assault of a busload of Arab workers near Jerusalem in March 1984, was recently arrested by federal marshals at the White Plains Campus of Pace University Law School, where he was a student; Mike Govocky, who was acquitted in the bus attack because Leitner wasn't available to testify against him, reported-

Queen, New York. Steven Rappaport, a JDL member, spent 20 months in a federal prison for transporting explosives across state lines and often provides security for Kahane when he travels in the U.S., told me he trains JDL security agents in weapons and martial arts in a camp in Canada; and Andy Green, once Kahane's chief aide in Israel, who now runs his own private detective firm in New York with his friend from Kach, Bob Manning, one of Kahane's strong-arm men who lives in Kiryat Arba and was previously arrested for JDL violence in America.

Green sometimes works out of a Manhattan accounting firm owned by Bob Jacobs, one of Kahane's most fanatical supporters. Jacobs reportedly gave Kahane \$20,000 for his 1984 Knesset campaign and has raised money on behalf of convicted Jewish terrorists in Israel. Jacobs also has raised money for his close friend, North Carolina senator Jesse Helms, who made his first journey to the Holy Land with Jacobs last summer. (Helms, a longtime critic of Israel who has argued that the occupation of the West Bank was an obstacle to a peaceful settlement, reversed his position during his recent reelection campaign. Following his trip with Jacobs, Helms, in an article

view, called the West Bank "Judaea and Samaria... the very land the Bible is all about... the very territory which the U.S. State Department wants the Jews to leave.")

So extreme is Jacobs that he has criticized Vancier for not being militant enough. Last December, a handful of Jacobs's followers tried to take over the JDL's chapters on Staten Island and in Flatbush, but were forcibly thrown out, according to Vancier. "Jacobs says the JDL should be beating up American Arabs and left-wing Jews, especially journalists, who support the PLO," Vancier told me. "He claims this is what Meir told him should be the JDL's priority."

"I don't say the JDL doesn't do such things, but we don't do things that could be counter-productive and undermine the organization, like attacking journalists."

### Guide for the Perplexed

The JDL's militant rhetoric and fits of terror have fed Jewish anxieties arising from the anti-Semitic declarations of the Rev. Louis Farrakhan, the rise of white supremacist groups in the Midwest, and the upsurge of Palestinian terrorism. Whether or not Kahane is actually orchestrating Jewish extremist violence in

turning Jewish fears into dollars. Last year, Kahane reportedly collected more than \$300,000 for his Israeli movement from American Jews during four fundraising tours here. (According to a Justice Department spokesman, Kahane has never registered as a foreign agent—an apparent violation of Federal law.)

"Kach spends about \$10,000 a week in Israel," says Shannon Taylor, an attorney who is a leader of Kach International, Kahane's principal fundraising arm in America. "He's opening offices all over the country [Israel]. Kahane can never get enough money."

Kahane has been very careful not to disclose the names of his contributors to reporters. "Those who hold positions in large organizations would be castigated" if it were known they supported Kahane, says Gene Blum, a Baltimore insurance company executive and a contributor to Kahane. For this reason, the press is routinely barred from Kahane's fundraising speeches.

"The rabbi's supporters don't want to be photographed," Fern Rosenblatt told a Boston Jewish Advocate reporter outside a recent \$50-a-plate fundraiser for Kahane held at the Boston Plaza Hotel, where more than \$20,000 was reportedly

collected from the floor. "They prefer to support him surreptitiously. They feel their status might be compromised if they are found to be supporting Kahane." Rosenblatt also told the Advocate reporter that the JDL would "do everything we can to protect the anonymity of Kahane's supporters." "Please leave my business out of it," begged Steven Denrich, owner of Valu Food, a small supermarket chain in Baltimore, who, when confronted, conceded he has been a longtime Kahane supporter.

But Kahane's days of collecting tax-free dollars in America may soon be over. The State Department stripped him of his U.S. citizenship last October, arguing that the rabbi had shifted his loyalty to Israel upon becoming a member of the Knesset. If Kahane loses his appeal, he could be denied a U.S. visa either as a convicted felon or under the McCarran-Walter Act, which makes affiliation with terrorist organizations grounds for denying entry to the country. (Kahane already is barred from Canada, Belgium, France, and Great Britain.) If Kahane can't come to America to stoke Jewish anxieties, his ability to collect money would be crippled—and if his U.S. dollars dried up, so might his support in Israel.

Kahane's permanent absence from the American scene would also be a mortal blow to many in the JDL, and to other Jewish extremists who practice his violent teachings. Though Kahane stepped down as head of the JDL last August, Vancier told me "he's still the spiritual leader of the JDL and we are in very close touch with him. We support him very strongly, and he guides us in many things we do."

For 18 years Rabbi Kahane has gathered around him perplexed young Jews who have embraced his violent credo as a way to solve Jewish problems. "Kahane has established a tradition of violent vigilantism in America and Israel," says Dr. Ehud Sprinzak, an expert on Israeli extremist groups at Hebrew University. "In the view of some, his Knesset victory has legitimized the use of violence and has proved that he is unstoppable. Unfortunately, many people in Israel and America have responded to it."

One JDL member from Brooklyn who served two years in a federal prison on bomb-making charges, puts it this way: "If you're a Jewish activist and read a story in The New York Times about the success of Kahane and the underground in Israel, you say 'fine, let's do it here too.' There's not much difference between a Jew from Kiryat Arba driving into Hebron to blow up an Arab and a Jew from Brooklyn driving to Long Island City to blow up a Nazi. The Jewish underground in Israel has set the stage for the Jewish underground in America."

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PRESS RELEASE

We are here to mourn the sad demise of our respected brother Professor Ismail al Faruqi and his wife, Sister Dr. Lanya al Faruqi. Professor al Faruqi was an internationally recognized educator, scholar and researcher. In his condolence message, Professor Khurshid Ahmad, the Pakistani Senator and the Chairman of the Institute of Policy Studies in Pakistan, says that Professor al Faruqi did not belong to the U.S. only, but to the world community of Islam. The Islamic Ummah has plunged into grief from Cairo to Kuala Lumpur, from Philadelphia to Jakarta. We have received dozens of telexes and telegrams from organizations, institutions and individuals expressing shock and pain at the tragic incident and sending condolences.

The newspapers, televisions, and radios have been full of statements denouncing the brutal act in the entire world. The funeral prayers are being offered in absentia in the Islamic Centers of Washington DC, New York, and many others in the U.S. and around the world.

Dr. Ismail al Faruqi was born at Jaffa Palestine in 1921. He served as the last Palestinian governor of Galilee at the age of 24 in 1945-48. He received his Ph.D in Philosophy from Indiana University in 1952. He did his post-doctoral research at Al-Azhar University, Cairo, in 1954-58. During his post-doctoral research at McGill, Faculty of Divinity in 1959-61 on Christianity and Judaism, he wrote the famous book Christian Ethics, A Historical and Systematic Analysis of Its Dominant Ideas. Professor Hendrik Kraemer, Emeritus Professor, University of Leydan wrote the Preface and called it "a remarkable and noteworthy book written by a committed Muslim modernist and distinguished scholar.....".

Professor al Faruqi taught at the McGill University, Syracuse University, the Central Institute of Islamic Research Pakistan, Al-Azhar University, and served as consultant in Islamic studies for universities throughout the Muslim world. He was Professor in the Department of Religion at Temple University, where he founded and headed the Program in Islamic Studies.

Professor al Faruqi founded the Islamic Studies Group of the American Academy of Religions and chaired it for ten years. He has been the Vice-President of the Interfaith Colloquium, the Christian-Jewish-Muslim Conference and one of the main contributors on the on-going triologue between the three Abrahamic faiths. He created the neologism "Trilogue" for the first time and edited the first book under the title: Trilogue of Abrahamic Faiths. Ms. Ellen Z. Cherry of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, New York, calls this book a "gem" and praises it for its "vibrancy that flows from each page of this compact volume ... Trilogus is refreshing because it does not rehearse platitudes about one God, sacred scriptures, a common ancestry frequently trotted out on such occasions. Rather, its three sections are devoted to each traditions' view of the other, ... In sum, Trilogue is a must for anyone seeking to look at inter-religious conflict from a fourth standpoint apart from the three traditions ... it remains a valuable resource for a conversation that remains in its infancy".

Alas! The premature death of Professor al Faruqi did not give him enough time to develop this conversation beyond infancy. He dedicated his life to build bridges between Christianity, Judaism and Islam. He will be missed by his students, followers and by the people he inspired from all religions and all continents.

His Muslim and non-Muslim students have travelled from far-off places to participate in his funeral ceremony and to say farewell to the person who

has given them a perspective that transcends racial, ethnic, national and other barriers. He was an affectionate teacher and fatherly figure for his students. His students are now spread across the continents.

Professor al Faruqi was giving his finishing touches to his monumental work Atlas of Islamic Culture and Civilization, soon to be released by MacMillan Publishing Company. This will serve as a specialized reference work in his field. His co-authored book Historical Atlas of the Religions of the World was published by MacMillan in 1974.

Professor al Faruqi was the founder President of the Association of Muslim Social Scientists and one of the founders and presently the President of the International Institute of Islamic Thought. He believed that the backwardness of the Islamic world community was due to the lack of creative application of Islamic teachings and re-examination of the heritage of Muslims. His books Tawhid, Islamization of Knowledge, and Islamic Thought and Culture are examples of scholarly excellence and originality.

Behind every great man, there is a great woman. Dr. Lamya al Faruqi was a great scholar in her own right. Her unique contribution was in the Islamization of Art. She demonstrated how Islamic Art was purposeful and not just art for the sake of art. She contributed to very many journals all over the world. She lectured in the universities and inspired men and women to come up with concepts and ideas in art that served the transcendental role of Islam as a sublimating force.

We lament the loss of these two great scholars, an irreparable loss to the academic world, to the Islamic community and to the world at large, the likes of whom are born and brought up very rarely.

The Faruqis are survived by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was also a target of the brutal attack of the assassin, but has survived and is

in stable condition. We pray for her early recovery.

We hope the person(s) responsible for the brutal murder will be soon discovered and their motives made public. All are waiting anxiously!

Faruqi Memorial Committee

September 26, 1986

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Honorable Frank R. Wolf  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Wolf:

I have received your September 16th communication, enclosing correspondence from Mr. Bob Clark, Acting Director of Government Affairs with the National Association of Arab Americans. Mr. Clark expresses the concern of his organization over the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife. } DC

Since there has been no evidence of a Federal violation within the FBI's investigative authority, the FBI has not actively investigated the murders of Dr. Faruqi and his wife. This tragic incident is being investigated by the Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department. The FBI is providing every assistance to the local authorities in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended in this matter, and should the investigation by local officials develop information which would indicate a violation of Federal law within our responsibilities, we will take immediate action. SML

You may assure Mr. Clark and the members of his Association that the FBI deplors senseless acts of violence, which cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. The FBI has committed all of its available resources to investigating those matters where it has been determined that terrorist activity is involved. We are making every effort to fulfill our responsibilities to the American people.

I hope this information will assist you in responding to your constituent.

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable Frank R. Wolf

NOTE: Based on available information, Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding [redacted] He wrote to Congressman Wolf expressing concern regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al Farugi and his wife. The Philadelphia Office is providing every possible assistance to the Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department in this matter under the Domestic Police Cooperation program. To date, there has been no evidence of a violation of Federal law falling within the FBI's jurisdiction.

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September 30, 1986

Dr. Mohammad T. Mehdi  
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OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Dr. Mehdi:

Your September 14th communication to Judge Webster has been referred to me for response. You expressed your concern and that of the members of your organization for the lack of positive results by the law enforcement community in resolving the incidents involving the murders of Alex Odeh and Dr. Ismail al Farugi and his wife. We can certainly appreciate and are well aware of the Arab-American community's desires to have these matters resolved as quickly as possible.

Senseless acts of violence cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. The FBI has committed all of its available resources to investigating those matters where it has been determined that terrorist activity is involved. We are investigating the death of Alex Odeh, which was determined to be the result of such activity. It is of great importance to the FBI to bring about a successful resolution through the eventual prosecution and incarceration of the individual or individuals responsible for this crime. Such goals, however, do not lend themselves to any established schedule. Our efforts in this regard will continue in an attempt to bring this case to the prosecutable stage.

Since there has been no evidence of a Federal violation within the FBI's investigative authority, we have not actively investigated the murders of Dr. Farugi and his wife. We are, however, affording every possible assistance to the Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department, which is investigating this incident. We will continue to provide the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions, as well as help in the coverage of out-of-state leads. Every cooperation is being extended to the local authorities in this matter, and should their investigation develop information which would indicate a violation of Federal law within our responsibilities, we will take immediate action.

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Dr. Mohammad T. Mehdi

I can assure you that the FBI is totally committed to fulfilling its responsibilities to the American people. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to explain our efforts in these matters.

Sincerely,

/S/  
William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent, who wrote to Judge Webster on behalf of the NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ISLAMIC AFFAIRS stating they were concerned that neither the FBI nor the local police in Philadelphia have been able to apprehend the murderer(s) of Dr. ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife, nor have the FBI and local authorities in California arrested the murderer(s) of ALEX ODEH. He states they believe nothing is being done and asked what the FBI has done in these matters. Similar replies have been given in connection with other citizens' inquiries in these matters.

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September 11, 1986

Honorable Lloyd Bentsen  
United States Senator  
961 Federal Building  
Austin, Texas 78701

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Dear Senator Bentsen:

Your August 4th communication to Assistant Attorney General Bolton on behalf of your constituent, [redacted], has been referred to the FBI for reply.

As I indicated in my August 21st response to your August 4th inquiry on [redacted] behalf, there has been no change in the status of the investigation into the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife. This matter is still being investigated by the Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department and the FBI is continuing to provide every possible assistance. To date, there has been no evidence of a violation of Federal law which would grant us the authority to conduct an investigation. We can appreciate [redacted] continued interest in seeing that justice is served.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

2 - Executive Secretariat - Enclosure  
Room 4416, DOJ

1 - Houston - Enclosures (11)

1 - Philadelphia - Enclosures (11)

1 - [redacted] - Enclosures (12)

1 - Congressional Affairs Office - Enclosures (12)

NOTE: [redacted] has written previously to Senator Bentsen and Congressman Tom DeLay concerning the investigation by local authorities into the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife. By letter dated 8/21/86, Assistant Director Baker advised Senator Bentsen, in response to his inquiry to the FBI sending the same correspondence from [redacted] as was referred to Assistant Attorney General Bolton, that no additional information could be furnished to alter the 7/7/86 letter he had sent to

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Honorable Lloyd Bentsen

Senator Bentsen regarding [redacted] inquiry into these murders. He was advised that we were acting in a support role since there was no evidence of a Federal violation. The status of this case remains unchanged and local authorities are still conducting an investigation with the FBI providing every assistance under the Domestic Police Cooperation program.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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*[Handwritten initials: OAT, PAM, JR]*

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

Honorable Judge William Webster, Director  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D. C. 20035

Dear Judge Webster:

We are exceedingly disturbed that neither the FBI nor the local police in Philadelphia have been able to apprehend the murderer(s) of Professor and Mrs. Ismael Faruqi, internationally recognized Muslim scholars. Likewise neither the FBI nor the local police in Santa Anna, California have been able to arrest the murderer(s) of Alex Odah, prominent Arab personality in Southern California.

We are not paranoid and do not charge the FBI and the police with anti-Arab and anti-Muslim bias, as some other Arab and Muslim organizations do. But we do feel that nothing has been done in these cases and urge you strongly to allocate a greater measure of the FBI human power and resources to apprehend the guilty persons in these two crimes.

Please advise us as to what the FBI has done, and what additional measures you expect to adopt.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Mohammad T. Mehdi, Ph.D.  
Secretary-General

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Dr. Mohammad T. Mehdi

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## Terror in Istanbul: A Congregation Is Cut Down

# Attack Shocks Government and Religious Groups

### Denounced in Europe

In Western European capitals, government officials and Jewish groups denounced the attack. In Paris, the French Jewish Federation called on

the French Government to reinforce security at synagogues and other possible targets of anti-Jewish violence. In recent years, France's Jewish population has been the target of numerous bombings and shootings.

The French Foreign Ministry called the attack criminal and expressed its sympathy for the victims and their families. Similar sentiments were voiced in Rome, where a statement from the office of Prime Minister Bettino Craxi said the tragedy reflected "a violent revival of international terrorist crime."

In New York, the president of the American Jewish Congress, Theodore E. Mann, issued a statement saying the

attack demonstrated that Moslem and Palestinian terrorist groups "are motivated not simply by a resurgent nationalism but by degenerate bigotry and religious hatred."

### 'Jews of World' Are Targets

"Clearly it is not merely Israel that is the target of their attacks," the statement said. "It is the Jews of the world, against whom they aim their guns."

The secretary general of the National Council on Islamic Affairs, which claims 10,000 members nationwide, said the attack was "a violation of the letter and spirit of Islam which specifically prohibits any violence

against worshipers or places of worship."

The official, Mohammad T. Mendi, said the assault was carried out by "mad persons who have murdered not only Jewish worshipers but also have inflicted equally great damage on Islam."

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Date 8/20/86

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTN: LANGUAGE SERVICES UNIT,  
 LABORATORY DIVISION, ROOM 3505  
 ATTN: [REDACTED] b6  
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FROM: SAC, WFO (66-5976 SUB C)

INSUB;  
 ISMAIL R. FARUQI, (DECEASED) - VICTIM;  
 LOIS R. FARUQI (DECEASED - VICTIM;  
 [REDACTED] - VICTIM  
 DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION  
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Re telephone call from [REDACTED] 8/11/86 to SA  
 [REDACTED], WFO and Philadelphia airtel to FBIHQ dated  
 8/5/86.

Enclosed are two xerox pages and one typewritten page  
 of translation.

Language Specialist [REDACTED] advised that the  
 enclosure is in the Urdu language rather than Farsi. b6  
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Thousands of people participated in the burial ceremony(eulogy)of  
Professor ISMAIL FARUQI and his wife, [REDACTED] condition is better now. b6 b7C

Washington, May 31st:

Internationally famous 65 years old Professor ISMAIL FARUQI and his 60 years old wife were buried today in an American state known as Philadelphia, they were buried while their relatives and friends were present. They were murdered on Tuesday by a black muslim by the name of [REDACTED], who stabbed them repeatedly with a knife. According to Voice of America about 4,000 people participated in the burial ceremony, but it is not clear or it is not known if they (ISMAIL and wife) were killed during a robbery attempt or this murder was committed for political reasons. During the action [REDACTED] was injured, but her condition is better now. According to Voice of America Prof ISMAIL FARUQI often criticized muslim leaders(head of states).

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زرعی کیس عائد نہ کیا جائے، جائیداد کی خرید و فروخت پر ٹیکس لگائی جائے ۵ فی صد کیا جائے

پنجاب اسمبلی کے اجلاس کی  
**جھلکیاں**  
 ایسے نظام کی طرف

☆ خواب اسلمی میں ”خارجہ فضلی“ کے الفاظ کے بارے میں یہ قصہ سنیں جو کہ یہ الفاظ غیر بارگاہی ہیں ان میں کہہ چکے ہیں کہ کما کہ مجوز رکھنے نے یہ الفاظ اس کے لئے استعمال کیے ہیں۔

وفاق وزیر انصاف کے کہنے سے میں نا اہل نہیں ہو جاتا، میں اہل ہوں اور حق مجھ کو

[illegible]

بیشال سنگھ نے اس سے سبوتاژ کی کوشش کر کے

[illegible]

پشاور اسپتال کی (مریض و خصوصی) صوبہ سرحد میں عیدائی علاقوں

[illegible]

کے جبل میں کئی ٹانگیں ہیں لگا جانے کا یہ قریبی زرگرم علاقہ

[illegible]

گورنر پنجاب سید اقرت حسین نے تجرت تاجران لاہور کے ہندو دیاردت سے جلف لے رہے ہیں

لاہور اسمبلی (مائتہ و پچاسویں) سائے ۵ روپے دو سو سالک میں  
 ایک مسجد کے تازے رجز الفرائض کا تصادم ہوا تھا اس میں زخمی  
 سیکل نمبر ۱۷ کی ٹیکسوری دے دی ہے ان کا عائدہ ایئر سیکرٹری

کی حالت قدر سے مستخرجان کی جان ہے۔

۴۔ مسر عبد الرؤف بیکشن آفیسر ہوم ڈیپارٹمنٹ۔  
۵۔ مسر محمد اکبر بیکشن آفیسر ایس جی اے ایڈمکائی

اور اجازت سے اضافہ کر دیں۔ اس لئے کہ ہم صرف جتنے اعلیٰ کی  
 افواج میں ملے گا، جتنے کی تمنا ہوگی وہی اعلیٰ کا نام لیا جائے گا۔  
 میرے پاس ان وقت میں کہ میں نے اس لئے کہ میرے پاس  
 بہت سی کوئی ایسے نہیں کہ میں اسے خود رکھ سکے کہ ہزار دہا  
 کے لئے کہ میں اسے خود رکھ سکے کہ ہزار دہا

سزاوارتوں افراد کی پیشکش

خیر جانبداری کی شہادت و قوت دے گا۔ اور آئے والے فلول میں لوگ اس بات کا خاص غور پر مذکور کریں گے۔ کہ میں نے اصولوں کی ہر

موجودہ خیمہ آواروں تک پہنچے ہیں اور ان وعدوں کو فراموش کرنے

اُن وقت قومی اسمبلی کے اراکین میں جو ٹھیک کی جا رہی تھیں ان کے  
 کمرے میں ضرورت کے لیے آج کے لوگ باغی تھے۔ ان  
 اور ملک و شہر کی تعمیر ہو رہے تھے۔ یہی لوگ جتنے دور کے  
 دیکھیں گے اور جتنے معاملات اُترا آتے ہوں گے ان کے سامنے آئیں گے۔

کروں گے درمیان ملکات اس کا کہ جس کا خدا کا ایک  
کی کوشتی کروں گے زوالی شیت میں بھی کی کوشتی ہوگی کہ انوال

اس آئینہ کو جس کو کہتے ہیں آئینہ سلسلی کے کسی ایک آدمی کے لئے ہے۔  
 اس آئینے کا کارنامہ اس نئی کٹی جکت مسٹر کر جیوں کو دیکھ کر معلوم  
 ہوتا ہے کہ وہاں مسٹر کی سب سے بڑی چیز ہوتی ہے۔ یہ مسٹر کو خدا کا مگر ہے کہ  
 وہ ہمارے ہاں آئینہ ایسی بات سے نہیں نکلا اور نہ کہ جس سے کسی  
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ایک ایک کھانسی کے ایک کھانسی کے سلطان ہر مل ملک ایک درخت مل جوا

اسی بنی بن سکنی ہے۔ مگر اٹھ ضرور ہے کہ اس کے دونوں جانب سے





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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

July 2, 1986

William H. Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigations  
Ninth and Pennsylvania, NW  
Washington, DC 20535

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

DE-242

Dear Mr. Webster:

I am writing to you on behalf of one of my constituents, [redacted]. He has contacted me and brought to my attention the recent murders of Professor Ismail Faruqui and his wife Dr. Lamya Faruqui, as well as the suspicious death of their son. Professor Faruqui was a world renowned Islamic scholar, and he died a bizarre and tragic death.

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I would like to request any and all information you have on this case. Is the FBI conducting an investigation? Has the case been closed? Have the perpetrators been apprehended? I would greatly appreciate knowing as much as possible.

I am enclosing a copy of [redacted] letter to me. Thank you for your assistance.

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Sincerely,

*DC*  
*Bill*  
Bill Gradison  
Representative in Congress

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enclosure.

Willis D. GRADISON, JR

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President Ronald Reagan  
 The White House  
 Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President: *Dradison*

We would like to bring to your attention a bizzare and tragic case of homicide that was committed in Philadelphia leaving two dead and one in intensive care. The victims were internationally known Islamic scholars, Professor Ismail Faruqui and his wife Dr. Lamya Faruqui. [redacted] was probably attempting to alert the police by telephone when she was also attacked and left unconscious. She is presently recovering in an intensive care unit of a local hospital. [redacted] hid in a closet along with [redacted] and both escaped detection.

The identities of the assailants and their motive are still unknown but the police believe that robbery was not a motive. The case has been turned over to the FBI.

A few months ago Dr. Faruqui's son died under suspicious circumstances while serving with the US army in New Mexico.

The Islamic Society of North America and the entire Muslim community is deeply grieved and alarmed at this attack on leading Islamic scholars, persons of deeply held religious belief and impeccable character. We are demanding a full investigation into the homicide along with public disclosure of FBI findings.

Mr. President, without pointing accusing fingers at anyone we must express our concern that in its effort to stamp out terrorism overseas, your administration does not overlook hate-violence at home. We would very much appreciate your help in having the FBI keep us posted on their findings and informed of the facts as they become known.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted signature]

*MALE*

Cc: Area Senator/Congressman

[redacted]

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Date 7/17/86

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTN: FBI LABORATORY, SEROLOGY UNIT,  
 SA [REDACTED]

SAC, CLEVELAND (62D-2909)(P)

RE:

UNSUB;  
 ISMIL R. FARUQI - DECEASED;  
 LOIS R. FARUQI - DECEASED;  
 [REDACTED] - VICTIM;  
 POLICE COOPERATION

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OO: PHILADELPHIA

Re Philadelphia teletype to Director, 7/3/86.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory, Serology Unit,  
 is one container of two vials of whole blood of [REDACTED]

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On 6/16/86, [REDACTED], Laboratory Manager,  
 Medical Center South, 2001 East Royalton Road, Broadview  
 Heights, Ohio, took two vials of blood from [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], Ohio. The vials were turned  
 over to SA [REDACTED], FBI, Cleveland, for transmittal  
 to the FBI Laboratory.

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b7CREQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct analysis  
 requested by the Philadelphia Division and advise Philadelphia  
 of the results.

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 2 - Cleveland  
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CLEVELAND DIVISION

At Cleveland, Ohio

Will forward FD-302 to Philadelphia.

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July 2, 1986

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La Mesa, California 92041

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Dear [redacted]:

SEX-M NO LOC

Your recent communication to Judge Webster regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail Al Faruqi and his wife has been referred to me for reply. We appreciate the concern you have expressed.

These murders are being investigated by local law enforcement authorities as there is no evidence at this time of a violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We are, however, affording every possible assistance to them in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended.

I can assure you that should the investigation develop information which would indicate a matter within our responsibilities, all of our investigative resources would be made available to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

(5) 63-19495-89X1  
William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 1 - Philadelphia - Enclosure b6  
1 - [redacted] - Enclosure b7C

NOTE: ASAC Tolen advised the murders of ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. He further advised that it is his understanding that evidence has been sent to the Laboratory Division for examination. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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July 18, 1986

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Honorable Willis D. Gradison, Jr.  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

ISMAIL FARUQI

Dear Congressman Gradison:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your July 2nd communication on behalf of [redacted] to Judge Webster. He is away from his office, but will be in touch with you upon his return.

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Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 1 - Philadelphia - Enclosures (2)
- 1 - Cincinnati - Enclosures (2)
- 1 - [redacted] - Enclosures (2)
- 1 - Congressional Affairs Office

63-19495-90

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of [redacted] who expresses concern regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife and requests a full investigation by the FBI and public disclosure of its findings. SA [redacted] of the Philadelphia Office advised telephonically on 7/11/86 that although good forensic evidence has been obtained in this case, there is no change in the status. The FBI is still extending every cooperation in the matter which is being investigated by local law enforcement officials.

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MAIL ROOM ☒

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July 18, 1986

San Diego, California 92126

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Dear [redacted]:

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Your recent communication to Judge Webster regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail Al Faruqi and his wife has been referred to me for reply. We appreciate the concern you have expressed.

These murders are being investigated by local law enforcement authorities as there is no evidence at this time of a violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We are, however, affording every possible assistance to them in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended.

I can assure you that should the investigation develop information which would indicate a matter within our responsibilities, all of our investigative resources would be made available to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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1 - [redacted] - Enclosure

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JUL 25 1986

NOTE: ASAC Tolen, Philadelphia Office, advised the murders of ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. He further advised that it is his understanding that evidence has been sent to the Laboratory Division for examination. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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July 18, 1986

San Diego, California 92126

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Dear [redacted]:

Your recent communication to Judge Webster regarding the murders of Dr. O'Ismael al Faruqi and his wife has been referred to me for reply. We appreciate the concern you have expressed.

These murders are being investigated by local law enforcement authorities as there is no evidence at this time of a violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We are, however, affording every possible assistance to them in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Every cooperation is being extended.

I can assure you that should the investigation develop information which would indicate a matter within our responsibilities, all of our investigative resources would be made available to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 1 - Philadelphia - Enclosure b6  
1 - [redacted] - Enclosure b7C

JUL 25 1986

NOTE: ASAC Tolen, Philadelphia Office, advised the murders of ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. He further advised that it is his understanding that evidence has been sent to the Laboratory Division for examination. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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August 5, 1986

298  
Honorable Willis D. Gradison, Jr.  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Gradison:

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

This is in further response to your July 2nd communication on behalf of [redacted], who has expressed his deep concern regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife.

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ISMAIL FARUQUI

The Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department is currently conducting an investigation into these murders as no evidence has been developed to indicate that the deaths of Dr. Faruqi and his wife are a result of terrorist activities. The FBI, however, is providing every possible assistance in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions, and every cooperation is being extended.

We appreciate [redacted] concern and interest in contacting you. The FBI takes very seriously its investigative responsibilities in the area of terrorism, which is one of our top investigative priorities. We strongly believe that acts of violence cannot and must not be tolerated in our country as a means of political dissent. [redacted] can be assured that we are totally committed to fulfilling our responsibilities in this area. Should it be determined that the tragic incident involving Dr. Faruqi and his wife falls within the scope of our investigative authority, we will take immediate action.

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Sincerely, yours,

William H. Webster

William H. Webster  
Director

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- 1 - Cincinnati - Enclosures (2)

- 1 - [redacted] - Enclosures (2)

- 1 - Congressional Affairs Office - detached

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of [redacted] who expresses concern regarding Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and requesting a full investigation by the FBI and public disclosure of its findings. First name salutation per prior correspondence. SA [redacted] advised that although good forensic evidence has been obtained, there is no change in the status of the case.

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August 22, 1986

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Phoenix, Arizona 85029

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Dear [redacted]:

Your July 29th communication to Judge Webster expressing concern regarding the murders of Alex Odeh and Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife has been referred to me for reply.

First, let me assure you that all of us in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, and they cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. Where it is determined that terrorist activity is involved, such as in the death of Mr. Odeh, all of our available resources are committed to investigating the matter. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established. The FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter and bring this case to a prosecutable stage.

We also are looking into the bombing outside of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's office in Boston; however, the fire at the building which housed the Washington, D. C., offices of that organization is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, because it clearly falls within that agency's investigative jurisdiction. If there is an indication of terrorist activity, then we may be asked to assist in the investigation.

Although we also share your concern regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife, there is no evidence at this time of a violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We will afford every possible assistance to the local law enforcement authorities investigating these murders in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions.

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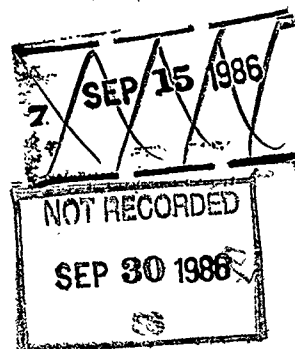
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- 1 - [redacted] - Enclosure

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Please be assured that we would take immediate and appropriate action should information be developed which would indicate a matter within the purview of the FBI. Every cooperation is being extended.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

NOTE: Response re murder of ALEX ODEH is based on information previously furnished by SA [redacted], Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk. In addition, ASAC Tolen, Philadelphia Office, has advised that the murders of ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. He further advised that it is his understanding that evidence has been sent to the Laboratory Division for examination. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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☐ Routine

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Date 10/24/86

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (62D-6445) (LRA) (P)  
 SUBJECT: UNSUB; ISMAIL R. FARUQI - DECEASED;  
 LOIS R. FARUQI - DECEASED;  
 [REDACTED] - VICTIM;  
 DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION,  
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Re Philadelphia telecall of Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED]  
 to Chicago (SA [REDACTED]), 10/21/86.

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For the information of Chicago Division, at approximately 2:30 A.M., on 5/27/86, at Wyncote, Cheltenham Township, Pennsylvania, a black male, approximately 30 years of age, five feet ten inches, stocky build, wearing a bandanna type mask, and dark clothing, entered the home of ISMAIL R. FARUQI, 323 Bent Road, Wyncote, Pennsylvania, and, using a "survival type" knife murdered FARUQI, date of birth (dob), 1/1/21, along with his wife, LOIS R. FARUQI, dob, 7/25/26. Unsub then chased [REDACTED], age [REDACTED], and slashed her causing severe bleeding.

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ISMAIL FARUQI was a professor and chairman of the Religion Department at TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is listed as one of the more prominent Arabs in the East. He was born in Jaffa, Palestine. He arrived in the United States as a student during 1951 and was naturalized as an United States citizen in 1973. FARUQI was the former mayor of Galilee prior to that land becoming Israel.

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 2-Chicago (Attention: SA [REDACTED], Squad Five A)  
 2-Philadelphia (62D-6445) (LRA)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) Philadelphia Division has participated in this investigation under a domestic police cooperation classification and has conducted many leads and many laboratory analyses for the CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT, Cheltenham Township, Pennsylvania, and the MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

This murder has received a great deal of publicity both domestically and in foreign newspapers, in that there is some question if the murders were a result of a "botched" burglary or if the murders were an assassination carried out by a group opposed to FARUQI'S feelings concerning the return of Israel to the Palestinians. There has been some additional speculation that FARUQI was possibly assassinated by a group opposed to his teachings relating to the manner in which members of the Islamic faith conduct themselves.

In referenced telephone conversation with Chicago Division, it was learned that there has been some general information heard from members of the Black Muslim community in Chicago, Illinois, relating to the FARUQI homicides. At the present time, this information is general in nature and would have limited lead value.

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AT CHICAGO, IL:

Chicago is requested to task all sources for any specific information which may relate to the FARUQI homicides, and expeditiously report the results to Philadelphia.

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Date 10/24/86

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (62D-6445) (LRA) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; ISMAIL R. FARUQI (DECEASED) - VICTIM;  
LOIS R. FARUQI (DECEASED) - VICTIM;  
 - VICTIM;  
 DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION  
 (OO: PHILADELPHIA)

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Reference Philadelphia teletype to the Bureau and New York, 6/6/86 and New York teletype to Philadelphia, 6/12/86.

On 10/1/86, a joint meeting was held with the Montgomery County Detectives, Norristown, PA; Cheltenham Township Police Department, Cheltenham, PA; Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Norristown, PA; and the case agent, Lansdale RA, to discuss the FARUQI matter. FBI Laboratory is pursuing the identity of the UNSUB through a computer check of identification records in order to try to identify the black male with a fingerprint identical to the one located on the rubber glove located at the crime scene. Further investigation is being conducted by the Miami Office to trace the survival type knife believed to have been imported from Taiwan and sold in the general Philadelphia area.

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 2 - Philadelphia (62D-6445) (LRA)

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Approved: *Wayne J. Davis*Transmitted *1*

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It was agreed among the participants at the conference that [redacted], a member of the Jewish Defense League (JDL) in New York City, be interviewed.

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In referenced communications it was pointed out that

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A discussion was held at the point raised by the New York office in their teletype stating that the Joint Terrorist Task Force unsuccessfully attempted to interview [redacted] in the past and the only result was [redacted] receiving some publicity in [redacted] concerning the attempts by the FBI to interview him. It is also noted that there is no Grand Jury meeting in Eastern PA on a state level to facilitate the subpoenaing of [redacted] to the Montgomery County area.

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Considering the above, it was decided that the interview of [redacted] must be pursued in view of [redacted]  
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NEW YORK DIVISION  
AT NEW YORK, NY:

It is requested that [redacted] be contacted and interviewed concerning [redacted]  
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ARMED AND DANGEROUS



September 25, 1986

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Mr. William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional and Public Affairs  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Baker:

As representatives of the Muslim and Christian communities in New England, we are writing to express our concern at the apparent failure of the law enforcement agencies of this country to bring to justice the perpetrators of the murders of Dr. Ismail Al-Faruqi and his wife, Dr. Lamya Al-Faruqi, of Wyncote, Pennsylvania.

During the last several years numerous acts of violence have been inflicted upon individuals and organizations who have sought to redress the anti-Arab and anti-Muslim stereotypes which prevail in the U.S.A. We are convinced, until it is proven otherwise, that the Al-Faruqi murders belong to the same cycle of violence, the repercussions of which are both political and international in scope.

As you know, failure to solve quickly crimes such as this might possibly breed more difficulties and violence for American citizens. We urge the FBI to give the Al-Faruqi case its highest priority so that the local law enforcement officers too will be encouraged in their efforts. We have hope for your success in the near future.

Thank you.

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Sincerely yours,

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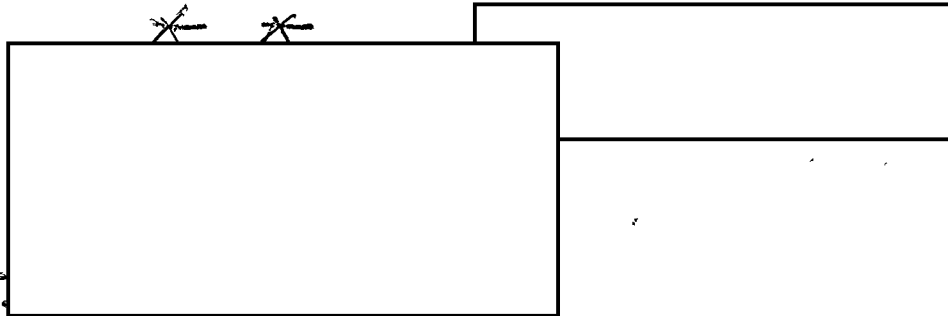
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OUTSIDE SOURCE

October 15, 1986

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Dear [redacted] : 94

I have received your September 25th letter. You express your concern as representatives of the Muslim and Christian communities for the lack of positive results in resolving the incident involving the murders of Dr. Ismail al-Faruqi and his wife. I can certainly appreciate your desire to have this matter resolved as quickly as possible.

Senseless acts of violence cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. The FBI has committed all of its available resources to investigating those matters where it has been determined that terrorist activity is involved. In those cases, it is of great importance to the FBI to bring about a successful resolution through the eventual prosecution and incarceration of the individual or individuals responsible for the crimes. Such goals, however, do not lend themselves to any established schedule. Our efforts will continue in an attempt to bring those cases to the prosecutable stage.

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Since there has been no evidence of a Federal violation within the FBI's investigative authority, we have not actively investigated the murders of Dr. Faruqi and his wife. We are, however, affording every possible assistance to the Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department, which is investigating this incident. We will continue to provide the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions, as well as help in the coverage of out-of-state leads. Every cooperation is being extended to the local authorities in this matter, and should their investigation develop information which would indicate a violation of Federal law within our responsibilities, we will take immediate action.

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- Exec AD LES \_\_\_\_\_
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- Director's Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

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Date 11/19/86

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO  
 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (62D-5401) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
 ISMAIL R. FARUQI (DECEASED);  
 LOIS R. FARUQI (DECEASED);  
 [REDACTED] - VICTIM;  
 DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION  
 OO: PHILADELPHIA

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Re Philadelphia airtel to the Bureau dated 9/8/86.

Enclosed for San Antonio are two copies of re airtel containing background information.

Investigation at San Antonio, Texas on 10/22/86 was negative in attempts to locate and interview [REDACTED] was associated with M.Y.M. FARUQI prior to his death in Mexico City in mid-November, 1985.

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Investigation through utility checks and U. S. Post Office records determined [REDACTED] resided [REDACTED]. On 8/5/85, [REDACTED] vacated the apartment and left a forwarding address of [REDACTED], Texas, [REDACTED].

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Reflected on [REDACTED] utility application was the following descriptive data:

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 License Number  
 Social Security  
 Account Number

[REDACTED]

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Relative

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Inasmuch as investigation has been conducted and reported, Dallas considers this matter RUC.

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AT [Redacted], TEXAS.

Will interview [Redacted], [Redacted], regarding her knowledge of M.Y.M. FARUQI and interview her concerning information that may bear on the death of FARUQI in Mexico City and the murder of his mother and father at Wyncote, Pennsylvania.

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CARL LEVIN  
MICHIGAN

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December 8, 1986

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. William M. Baker  
Assistant Director, Office of  
Congressional and Public Affairs  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Baker:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have received from [redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted] of the Muslim-Christian Inter-  
faith Council.

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I am aware that the Council has already contacted the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation requesting its intercession in the in-  
vestigation of the murders of Drs. Ismail and Lamya al-Faruqi.

I am writing to indicate my interest in the case and my hope  
that the Bureau will give all assistance possible as Federal  
statute permits. I am pleased to see that the Bureau is already  
cooperating with local officials. My expectation is that should  
issues such as civil rights become relevant that the Bureau will  
move swiftly to a more active role.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Carl Levin*  
Carl Levin

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Enclosure

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dated 12/31/86  
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Nov. 21, 1986

The Honorable Carl Levin  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Levin:

We write to you concerning the growing prejudice in the United States against Muslim citizens. This prejudice is nurtured by the language and images contained in some media reports and by the comments of some of the highest political leadership of this country. As representatives of both Muslim and Christian organizations, we solicit your support in opposition to those interests and practices which perpetuate this prejudice.

Because of the bigotry in this country, a climate has developed which seems to tolerate acts of violence toward Muslims. One such act was the assassination of Drs. Ismail and Lamya al-Faruqi. We are concerned that so little progress toward the arrest and prosecution of the assassin has been made by our law enforcement agencies. Several weeks ago we sent an inquiry to the Federal Bureau of Investigation about this matter. A copy of the letter is enclosed. The reply indicates the crime will not be solved unless law enforcement agencies are given a considerable amount of encouragement. We solicit also your intervention with the appropriate law enforcement agencies so that this crime will be solved and the apprehensions of Muslim citizens will be dispelled.

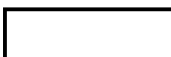
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Sincerely yours,



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December 31, 1986

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Honorable Carl Levin  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Levin:

Your December 8th communication enclosing  
correspondence you received from [redacted] and  
[redacted] has been received. They have expressed concern  
regarding the investigation of the murders of Dr. Ismail al  
Faruqi and his wife and what they describe as the growing  
prejudice in the United States against Muslim citizens.

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We appreciate your interest in this matter. Our  
Philadelphia Office is continuing to afford every cooperation  
and assistance to the Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police  
Department and the Montgomery County Detectives, Norristown,  
Pennsylvania, who are investigating these murders. In addition,  
several other FBI offices have been following up on out-of-state  
leads.

Our Philadelphia Office is maintaining close liaison  
with the local officials in charge of this case in the event  
the investigation develops a Federal violation falling within  
our responsibilities. I can assure you that we will take  
immediate action if such is developed. Thank you again for  
your interest.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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Honorable Carl Levin

NOTE: Bufiles indicate that Assistant Director Baker wrote to [redacted] and [redacted] on [redacted] in response to their letter expressing concern regarding acts of violence against the Arab and Muslim communities and the failure of the law enforcement community to bring to justice the perpetrators of the murders of Dr. ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife. [redacted] also wrote to the FBI in [redacted] regarding the FARUQI murders. SA [redacted], Philadelphia Office advised that the FBI is continuing to assist local authorities in connection with the investigation of these murders. He stated that currently five FBI offices are working on leads in connection with our Domestic Police Cooperation program. There is no evidence of any Federal violations to date, including civil rights. SA [redacted] advised that besides the CHELTENHAM, PENNSYLVANIA, Police Department that the MONTGOMERY COUNTY DETECTIVES, Norristown, Pennsylvania, are investigating this case. Reply coordinated also with SA [redacted], Fugitive/General Crimes Unit, CID.

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 19, 1986

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Mr. James Dyer  
Assistant Secretary for  
Legislative Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

DE-101

Dear Mr. Dyer: Ismail Al FARUQI

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter from [redacted].  
As you will note, this constituent is concerned with the  
potentially politically motivated murders of two Arab American  
educators.

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Your comments on this matter may be forwarded to my  
Washington, D.C. office, Senate Office Building, Washington,  
D.C. 20510. I look forward to your prompt response. PLEASE MARK  
THE ENVELOPE TO THE ATTENTION OF: [redacted]

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Thank you for your attention to this inquiry.

Sincerely,

*Slade Gorton*

SLADE GORTON  
United States Senator

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October - 7, 1986

Dear Senator Gorton:

Thank you for your letter of September 19 on behalf of [redacted] concerning the murders of two Arab-American educators in Philadelphia.

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Because this is a matter within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Justice, I have referred your communication to [redacted], Legislative Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice, 9th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20535. They can be reached on (202) 633-2113.

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Please continue to call on me whenever you believe the Department might be of assistance.

Sincerely,

J. Edward Fox  
Assistant Secretary  
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable  
Slade Gorton,  
United States Senate.

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October 20, 1986

Honorable Slade Gorton  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Gorton:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
September 19, 1986, received by the Department on  
October 17, 1986, on behalf of .

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A further response will be forthcoming as soon  
as possible.

Sincerely,

John R. Bolton  
Assistant Attorney General

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July 25th, 1986

[redacted]  
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Senator Slade Gorton  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Slade Gorton:

On Tuesday, May 27th, around 2:30am, Temple University professor Ismail al-Faruqi and his wife Lois Lamya al-Faruqi were stabbed to death in their house in Philadelphia. [redacted] was also seriously injured in the attack.

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Since the initial brief report I have heard nothing in the media about what is being done to investigate this obviously politically-inspired murder of two American academics on American soil. I haven't even heard a condemnation of this attack from any of our elected officials, including you. On the other hand, acts of terrorism directed against Americans abroad are (of course rightly) but immediately condemned.

Dr. Ismail al-Faruqi, aged 65, was a professor of religion who helped establish many Islamic institutions in the United States, such as the Muslim Students Association in the 1960s; the Association of Muslim Social Scientists in the 1970s; and the International Institute of Islamic Thought and the American Islamic College in the 1980s.

He was also the founder and chair of the Islamic Studies Group of the American Academy of Religion; the vice president of the Interfaith Colloquium; a prominent member of the Christian-Jewish-Muslim Conference; and the author of many books on religion.

His wife Dr. Lois Lamya al-Faruqi, aged 60, was also a well-known scholar of Islamic art and culture.

Both were academics who were trying--peacefully--to build bridges between the Muslim world and America. They were doing nothing more than exercising their First Amendment rights of free speech and freedom of religion. Because of just this, their murder is far more of a threat to American values and way of life (and even to the rights guaranteed in the Constitution and Bill of Rights) than the murders of Americans killed abroad, tragic as their deaths also were.

As a U.S. Senator, shouldn't you be concerned about this threat, a threat which could undermine democracy itself? Or do First Amendment rights not extend to Americans who are Muslim or of Arab descent?

If you do not put pressure on the FBI and other law enforcement agencies to find the murders of Drs. Ismail and Lois al-Faruqi you will be giving tacit approval to some people to attack and murder (without fear of justice) innocent Americans whose only crime is to be Muslim or of Arab descent, or who try to make Islamic culture better understood in America.

I urge you to put pressure on the FBI to find their murderers with the same zeal of President Reagan when he ordered the bombing of Libya. I also urge you to protect the First Amendment rights of all Americans, including Americans who are Muslim or of Arab descent. We feel we are being intimidated into silence by the murderers of not only of Drs. Ismail and Lois al-Faruqi but also by the murderers of Alex Odeh in Los Angeles; those who bombed numerous mosques around the country last year as well as the

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offices of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee; and who  
ransacked the offices of several university professors who happened to be of  
Arab descent.

I would also like to remind you of a Reagan Administration policy which  
claims to be keeping under surveillance all "pro-PLO groups in America."  
The target of this policy is obviously all American-Arab clubs and  
organizations as well as Islamic and Christian organizations which have no  
ties to the PLO. They are primarily charitable, social, educational,  
cultural, and religious organizations--for Americans. I urge you to protest  
this policy and to protect your electorate from it.

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